

2023 No. 278

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Eurovision Song Contest) Regulations 2023

Made - - - - *7th March 2023*

Coming into force - - *4th May 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the holding of the Eurovision Song Contest which is intended to take place there.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016^(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Eurovision Song Contest) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 4th May 2023.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,200 feet above mean sea level—

- (a) between 2300 hours on the 4th May 2023 and 0500 hours on the 14th May 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 532350N 0025929W,
- (b) between 2300 hours on the 4th May 2023 and 0600 hours on the 14th May 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 532417N 0025948W,
- (c) between 0600 hours on the 7th May 2023 and 0600 hours on the 8th May 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 532431N 0025848W, and
- (d) between 0600 hours on the 13th May 2023 and 0600 hours on the 14th May 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 532340N 0025850W.

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Merseyside Police Service operational planning department.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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7th March 2023

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Liverpool, Merseyside due to the holding of the Eurovision Song Contest that is scheduled to take place there. In view of the high visibility of this event and at the request of the Merseyside Police Service, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Merseyside Police Service operational planning department may be contacted on telephone number 101.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.