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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Greenock)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *8th March 2023*

Coming into force - - *10th March 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 a maritime recovery operation which is scheduled 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) (Greenock) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 10th March 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), between 1200 hours on 10th March 2023 and 1200 hours on 12th March 2023 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 555650N 0044505W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by Police Scotland.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th March 2023

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Greenock, Scotland during the recovery of a vessel that is scheduled to take place there between 10th March 2023 and 12th March 2023 (inclusive). In view of the high visibility of this recovery operation, and at the request of Police Scotland, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the maritime recovery operation for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), Police Scotland may be contacted as notified.

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

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