

**2024 No. 845**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Drax) Regulations  
2024**

*Made* - - - - *31st July 2024*

*Coming into force* - - *6th August 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Drax, North Yorkshire.

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) (Drax) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 6th August 2024.

**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 0600 hours on 6th August 2024 and 1800 hours on 14th August 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.85 of a nautical mile whose centre is at 534414N 0005951W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

31st July 2024

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Department for Transport

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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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Drax power station complex in North Yorkshire, where the gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place from 6th August 2024 to 14th August 2024, inclusive.

At the request of the North Yorkshire Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of that gathering 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 North Yorkshire Police Service may be contacted as notified.

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.