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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot) Regulations
2019**

Made - - - - *10th April 2019*

Coming into force - - *18th June 2019*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons associated with the Royal Ascot 2019 horse racing event at Ascot Racecourse.

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) (Ascot) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 18th June 2019.

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 0900 hours and 1900 hours on each of the 5 days beginning with the 18th June and ending on 22nd June 2019, no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 512515N 0003934W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Ascot Heliport.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

10th April 2019

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

(b) In these Regulations 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 Ascot Racecourse, Berkshire, by reason of the gathering of large numbers of persons at the 2019 Royal Ascot horse racing event on the five days between 18th and 22nd June 2019 (inclusive). The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted for reasons of public safety.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘unmanned aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016 and includes a small unmanned aircraft (as defined in Schedule 1 to the Order) other than a balloon or a kite. These aircraft types are commonly referred to as drones.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

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