

2019 No. 898

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park Music Festivals) Regulations 2019

Made - - - - 29th April 2019

Coming into force - - 5th July 2019

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Hyde Park, London, by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons at the music festivals being held there during July and September 2019.

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) (Hyde Park Music Festivals) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 5th July 2019.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.75 nautical miles whose centre is at 513026N 0000928W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) between 0800 hours and 2300 hours on each day beginning on 5th July and ending on 7th July 2019, inclusive,
- (b) between 0800 hours and 2300 hours on each day beginning on 12th July and ending on 14th July 2019, inclusive, and
- (c) between 0800 hours and 2300 hours on 14th and 15th September 2019.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Event Liaison Team, or to a balloon or a kite.

(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

29th April 2019

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Hyde Park, London, by reason of the large numbers of persons expected to attend the British Summer Time Festivals during 5th to 7th and 12th to 14th July 2019, inclusive, and the Live In Hyde Park event on 14th and 15th September 2019. 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(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3), the Event Liaison Team may be contacted on telephone number 020 3745 3281 during 5th to 7th and 12th to 14th July 2019, inclusive, and on telephone number 07595 010251 on 14th and 15th September 2019.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 07917 614249.