

**2023 No. 156**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

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

*Made* - - - - *15th February 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *7th 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 Royal visit 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) (Colchester) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 7th 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 1000 hours and 1600 hours on 7th March 2023 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 0.5 nautical mile whose centre is at 515323N 0005405E.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

15th February 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 Colchester, Essex due to an intended Royal visit that is scheduled to take place there on 7th March 2023. In view of the high visibility of this visit and at the request of the Essex 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 the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Essex Police Service may be contacted on telephone number 01245 491491.

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.