

2023 No. 596

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Heaton Park)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *31st May 2023*
Coming into force - - *9th June 2023*

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 at a festival which is due 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) (Heaton Park) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 9th June 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 0600 hours on the 9th June 2023 and 0200 hours on 12th June 2023 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 800 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.6 nautical miles centred at 533141N 0021545W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

31st May 2023

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Department for Transport

(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 Heaton Park, Manchester due to the intended holding there of a festival between the 9th June 2023 and 12th June 2023 (inclusive).

In view of the expected large gathering of persons attending the festival and at the request of the Greater Manchester Police, 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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Greater Manchester Police security event co-ordination officer may be contacted on telephone number 0161 8725050.

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.