

2024 No. 1054

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - - 22nd October 2024

Coming into force - - 29th December 2024

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 the Edinburgh Torch Light Parade and Hogmanay Celebrations that are 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) (Edinburgh) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 29th December 2024.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) 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 1 nautical mile centred at 555655N 0031202W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin at—

- (a) 1700 hours and end at 2359 hours on 29th December 2024,
- (b) 0001 hours and end at 0100 hours on 30th December 2024,
- (c) 1800 hours and end at 2359 hours on 31st December 2024, and
- (d) 0001 hours and end at 0200 hours on 1st January 2025.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of a Police Air Support Unit, or
- (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by Police Scotland Air Safety and Security Unit.

(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

22nd October 2024

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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 Edinburgh City Centre by reason of the Torch Light Parade and Hogmanay Celebrations that are due to take place there between 29th December 2024 and 1st January 2025 (inclusive).

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 location 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(3)(b), the Police Scotland Air Safety and Security Unit may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and a Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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