

2024 No. 1382

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence
Restricted Airspace) Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - *20th December 2024*

Coming into force - - *23rd December 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the areas specified in the Schedule for reasons of national security associated with the location of Ministry of Defence sites.

The Secretary of State makes these 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) (Ministry of Defence Restricted Airspace) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 23rd December 2024.

Restricted airspace

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below the corresponding altitude specified in column 4 of the Schedule over the locations listed in column 1 of the Schedule, each of which for the purpose of these Regulations comprises an area bounded by a circle having a radius specified in column 3 of the Schedule centred on the coordinates specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

(2) Paragraph 2 does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Ministry of Defence Police,
 - (ii) a Police Air Support Unit, or
 - (iii) a Fire and Rescue Service in response to an emergency incident, or
- (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Ministry of Defence Police.

Revocation of Regulations

3. The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force Feltwell) (Emergency) Regulations 2024(a) and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force Menwith Hill and Royal Air Force Fylingdales) (Emergency) Regulations 2024(b) are revoked.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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20th December 2024

Department for Transport

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Name of Ministry of Defence Locations	Area (centre of circle)	Radius (nautical miles)	Feet Above Mean Sea Level
Alconbury	522159N 0001311W	2	2200
Croughton	515926N 0011058W	2	2500
Fairford	514101N 0014724W	2	2400
Feltwell	522843N 0003142E	2	2200
Fylingdales	542131N 0004007W	2	3000
Lakenheath	522434N 0003340E	2	2200
Menwith Hill	540039N 0014127W	2	3000
Mildenhall	522143N 0002911E	2	2100
Molesworth	522312N 0002508W	2	2300
Oakhanger	510655N 0005429W	2	2600
Welford	512812N 0012400W	2	2600

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Ministry of Defence sites specified in the Schedule.

At the request of the Ministry of Defence, it has been agreed by the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the areas specified in the Schedule for reasons of national security.

These Regulations revoke the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force Feltwell) (Emergency) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/1203) and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force Menwith Hill and Royal Air Force Fylingdales) (Emergency) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/1254).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 2(2)(b), the Ministry of Defence Police may be contacted on telephone 01423 846800 or 01423 846322.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by an Aeronautical Information Service Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

(a) S.I. 2024/1203.

(b) S.I. 2024/1254.

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