

2024 No. 469

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - - *4th April 2024*

Coming into force - - *21st August 2024*

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 there of a large number of persons.

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) (Reading) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 21st August 2024.

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 on 21st August 2024 and 1600 hours on 26th August 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 750 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 512800N 0010042W,
- (b) 512812N 0005958W,
- (c) 512804N 0005919W,
- (d) 512759N 0005846W,
- (e) 512755N 0005849W,
- (f) 512744N 0005920W,
- (g) 512747N 0010008W,
- (h) 512754N 0010049W, and
- (i) 512800N 0010042W.

(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).

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the event Airspace Co-ordinator.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

4th April 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Reading, Berkshire by reason of the large number of persons expected to attend the Reading Festival which is due to take place there between 21st August 2024 and 26th August 2024 (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.

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 event Airspace Co-ordinator may be contacted as notified.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.