

**2024 No. 826**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Leicester, Diwali Celebrations) Regulations 2024**

*Made* - - - - *26th July 2024*

*Coming into force* - - *18th October 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 holding of Diwali Celebrations 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) (Leicester, Diwali Celebrations) Regulations 2024, and they come into force on 18th October 2024.

**Interpretation**

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

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,300 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 523857N 0010713W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are between—

(a) 1100 hours on 18th October 2024 and 0001 hours on 21st October 2024, and

(b) 1200 hours on 31st October 2024 and 0100 hours on 2nd November 2024.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by Leicestershire Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*Hafsah Abid*  
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26th July 2024

Department for Transport

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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) in regulation 3(2)(a) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) and Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) in regulation 3(2)(b) is the same 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 airspace in the vicinity of Leicester City Centre during the 2024 Diwali Celebrations that are scheduled to take place there from 18th to 21st October 2024, inclusive, and from 31st October and 2nd November 2024, inclusive.

Due to the large number of persons expected at this event and at the request of Leicestershire Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted for reasons of safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for regulation 3(2)(a) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) and for regulation 3(2)(b) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3), Leicestershire Police may be contacted as notified.

Full details of the 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 A H Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.