

2024 No. 873

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blackpool) (No. 2)
Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - 23rd August 2024

Coming into force - - 30th 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 intending gathering of a large number of persons in Blackpool.

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) (Blackpool) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 30th 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), for the period beginning with 1700 hours and ending with 2300 hours on 30th August 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,100 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 534857N 0030323W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

23rd August 2024

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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 Blackpool Seafront, Lancashire, where a gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place for the Blackpool Illuminations Switch-On event on 30th August 2024.

At the request of the Lancashire Police Service, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of that 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 Lancashire Police Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by 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.