

2025 No. 108

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Download Festival,
Leicestershire) Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - *3rd February 2025*

Coming into force - - *10th June 2025*

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 at the 2025 Download Festival.

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) (Download Festival, Leicestershire) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 10th June 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 0500 hours on 10th June 2025 and ending at 2200 hours on 16th June 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 524940N 0012235W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

3rd February 2025

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Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(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 Donnington Park during the 2025 Download Festival that is due to take place there between 10th June 2025 and 16th June 2025 (inclusive).

At the request of Leicestershire Police, 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), Leicestershire Police 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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.