

**2025 No. 169**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Almondsbury)  
(Restricted Zone EG R181) Regulations 2025**

*Made* - - - - *14th February 2025*

*Coming into force* - - *24th February 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 2(1) by reason of the security and public safety considerations associated with the location there of the National Police Air Service.

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) (Almondsbury) (Restricted Zone EG R181) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 24th February 2025.

**Restricted airspace**

2.—(1) Subject to 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 0.5 nautical miles centred at 513308N 0023335W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service, or
- (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the National Police Air Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

14th February 2025

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the National Police Air Service base at Almondsbury.

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the base location for reasons of security and public safety.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 2(2)(b), the National Police Air Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated in the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication. The restricted zone has been designated as EG R181 for the purpose of inclusion in that publication and in related charts and documentation.

In relation to this Statutory Instrument, the National Police Air Service may be contacted via [ops.centre@npas.police.uk](mailto:ops.centre@npas.police.uk).