

**2025 No. 32**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Aintree) Regulations  
2025**

*Made* - - - - 14th January 2025

*Coming into force* - - 3rd April 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 in the vicinity of Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside.

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) (Aintree) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 3rd April 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 with 0600 hours and ending with 1800 hours on each of the four days commencing on 3rd April 2025 and concluding on 6th April 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles centred at 532832N 0025657W.

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

- (a) operated by a Police Air Support Unit,
- (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by Merseyside Police, or
- (c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(c).

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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.  
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).  
(c) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

14th January 2025

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside by reason of the large number of persons expected to attend the 2025 Grand National event which is due to take place there between 3rd April 2025 and 6th April 2025 (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 racecourse for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as the flying of unmanned aircraft is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

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)(b), Merseyside Police may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by an Aeronautical Information Service Briefing Sheet 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.