

2024 No. 1210

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Merseyside)
Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - *22nd November 2024*

Coming into force - - *2nd December 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(2) by reason of the intended visit of a Royal Navy warship in the vicinity of 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) (Merseyside) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 2nd December 2024.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area specified in paragraph (2) during the periods specified in paragraph (3).

(2) The area referred to in paragraph (1) is the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 532740N 0030328W,
- (b) 532626N 0030308W,
- (c) 532351N 0030038W,
- (d) 532422N 0025939W,
- (e) 532544N 0025951W,
- (f) 532754N 0030051W, and
- (g) 532740N 0030328W.

(3) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are the periods—

(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 the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (a) beginning with 0800 hours and ending with 1200 hours on 2nd December 2024, and
 - (b) beginning with 1200 hours and ending with 1600 hours on 9th December 2024.
- (4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—
- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) a Police Air Support Unit,
 - (ii) an Emergency Medical Service,
 - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (iv) Merseyside Fire and Rescue, or
 - (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Merseyside Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David Best

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Department for Transport

22nd November 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Merseyside on the occasion of an intended visit to Liverpool by a Royal Navy warship that is due to take place there.

At the request of the Merseyside Police Service and the Ministry of Defence Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of Merseyside for reasons of national defence and public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(3) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(b), the Merseyside Police Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by 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.