

2024 No. 485

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Chelsea Flower Show) Regulations 2024

Made - - - - *9th April 2024*
Coming into force - - *20th May 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 there of a large number of persons and VVIPs.

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) (Chelsea Flower Show) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 20th May 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), between 1200 hours and 2000 hours on 20th May 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.6 nautical miles centred at 512908N 0000919W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017(c), or
- (b) to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

9th April 2024

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(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).
(c) S.I. 2017/1300.

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 Chelsea Flower Show on 20th May 2024.

A large gathering of persons and a number of VVIPs are expected to attend the show on the 20th May 2024 and therefore, at the request of the Metropolitan 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 Chelsea Flower Show on that day for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1300).

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), the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted via telephone number 07770 444022 or 07880 503583.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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