

**2024 No. 499**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Palace of Holyroodhouse) Regulations 2024**

*Made* - - - - *11th April 2024*  
*Coming into force* - - *22nd 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 holding there of the Beating the Retreat ceremony.

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) (Palace of Holyroodhouse) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 22nd 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 1400 hours and 1900 hours on 22nd May 2024 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 0.2 nautical miles centred at 555710N 0031019W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operated by Police Scotland or flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

11th 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).

## **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 Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh where the Beating the Retreat ceremony is due to take place there on 22nd May 2024.

At the request of the Police Scotland, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the Palace for reasons of public safety and security.

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), the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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