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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Aintree) Regulations
2023**

Made - - - - *3rd February 2023*

Coming into force - - *13th April 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is 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 at the Grand National 2023 event.

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 2023 and they come into force on 13th April 2023.

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 0900 hours and 1830 hours on each of the three days beginning on 13th April 2023 and ending on 15th April 2023 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 nautical mile whose centre is at 532827N 0025622W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Operations Manager at Aintree Racecourse.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

3rd February 2023

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Department for Transport

(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 Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside on the occasion of the Grand National 2023 event which is scheduled to take place there on the three days between 13th and 15th April 2023 (inclusive). In view of the large number of persons expected to attend the event, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the event should be restricted for reasons of public safety.

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 Operations Manager at Aintree Racecourse may be contacted on telephone number 07931 514339.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382471.