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CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Chelsea Flower Show) Regulations 2023

Made - - - - 27th April 2023
Coming into force - - 22nd May 2023

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 of a large number of persons and VVIPs at the Chelsea Flower Show.

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 2023 and they come into force on 22nd May 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 1300 hours and 2100 hours on 22nd May 2023 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 0000921W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

27th April 2023

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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 Chelsea, London during the Chelsea Flower Show that is scheduled to take place there on 22nd May 2023.

A large number of spectators and VVIPs will attend the Show and therefore the Metropolitan Police Service considers that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the Chelsea Flower showground for reasons of public safety and security. The restrictions have been agreed by the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

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 Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted via telephone number 07785 451515.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr S J Maxted, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 383216.