

**2023 No. 735**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Reading Festival)  
Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - *30th June 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *23rd August 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 there of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Reading.

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) (Reading Festival) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 23rd August 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 1100 hours on 23rd August 2023 and 1600 hours on 28th August 2023 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 650 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight line joining successively the following points—

- (a) 512831N 0010111W,
- (b) 512821N 0010029W,
- (c) 512804N 0010035W,
- (d) 512813N 0010003W,
- (e) 512804N 0005903W,
- (f) 512800N 0005845W,
- (g) 512753N 0005844W,
- (h) 512750N 0005914W,
- (i) 512743N 0005920W,

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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).

- (j) 512748N 0010023W,
- (k) 512755N 0010049W,
- (l) 512800N 0010051W,
- (m) 512801N 0010106W,
- (n) 512811N 0010123W,
- (o) 512816N 0010117W, and
- (p) 512831N 0010111W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the event Airspace Co-ordinator.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

30th June 2023

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#### **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 Reading Festival, Reading, Berkshire by reason of the large number of persons expected to attend a music festival which is due to be held there between 23rd August 2023 and 28th August 2023 (inclusive).

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the festival 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 event Airspace Co-ordinator 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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.