

**2023 No. 962**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

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

*Made* - - - - *5th September 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *6th October 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 intending holding there of the Labour Party Conference.

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) (Liverpool) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 6th October 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 2200 hours on 6th October 2023 and 0500 hours on 12th October 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 0.5 nautical mile centred at 532350N 0025926W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Merseyside Police Event Airspace Bronze Commander.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

5th September 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 the Liverpool Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool during the Labour Party Conference that is due to take place there between 6th October 2023 and 12th October 2023 (inclusive).

At the request of the Merseyside 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 conference 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 Merseyside Police Event Airspace Bronze Commander may be contacted via email at: [Drone.Exemptions@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:Drone.Exemptions@merseyside.police.uk) or by telephone number 101.

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

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