

2019 No. 1329

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Port of Dover)
Regulations 2019**

Made - - - - *8th October 2019*

Coming into force - - *1st November 2019*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Port of Dover, Kent owing to its status as critical national infrastructure and its associated national security risk.

The Secretary of State makes these 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) (Port of Dover) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 1st November 2019.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), from 0001 hours on 1st November 2019, no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded successively by—

- (a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.25 nautical miles centred on 510800N 0011900E between 510907N 0012206E and 510656N 0011551E, and
- (b) a straight line joining the points 510656N 0011551E and 510907N 0012206E.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) any unmanned aircraft operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Port of Dover Police,
 - (ii) the Kent Police, or
 - (iii) the Kent Fire and Rescue Service,
- (b) any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Port of Dover Police, or
- (c) a balloon or kite.

(a) S.I. 2016/765 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations, Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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8th October 2019

Department for Transport

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 Port of Dover. In view of the need for security in this location due to its status as critical national infrastructure, at the request of the Port of Dover Police, the Secretary of State considers that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of that location.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘unmanned aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016 and includes a small unmanned aircraft (as defined in Schedule 1 to the Order) but the restriction does not apply to a balloon or a kite. These aircraft types are commonly referred to as drones.

The times mentioned in this instrument are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purposes of this instrument is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Port of Dover Police may be contacted on telephone number 01304 216084 (extension 5752) and 07717 851571.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be included in the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication and in related charts and documents.

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