

2019 No. 610

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Finsbury Park)
Regulations 2019**

Made - - - - *19th March 2019*

Coming into force - - *25th May 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 Finsbury Park, London, by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons at the Steel Yard, Community and Wireless music festivals being held there during May, June and July 2019.

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) (Finsbury Park) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 25th May 2019.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 513405N 0000611W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are between 0800 hours and 2300 hours on—

- (a) 25th and 26th May 2019,
- (b) 28th, 29th and 30th June 2019, and
- (c) 5th, 6th and 7th July 2019.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Festival Silver Commander, or to a balloon or a kite.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

19th March 2019

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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 Finsbury Park, London, by reason of the large numbers of persons expected to attend the Steel Yard music festival on 25th and 26th May, the Community music festival on 28th, 29th and 30th June 2019 and the Wireless music festival on 5th, 6th and 7th July 2019. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted for reasons of public safety.

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) other than a balloon or a kite. These aircraft types are commonly referred to as drones.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3), the Festival Silver Commander may be contacted on telephone number 07900 928796 on 25th and 26th May and on telephone number 07545 701420 between 28th and 30th June 2019 and between 5th and 7th July 2019.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 07917 614249.