

2022 No. 363

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Liverpool and The Mersey) Regulations 2022

Made - - - - *23rd March 2022*

Coming into force - - *24th March 2022*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict unmanned flying in the vicinity of the area specified in regulation 3 by reason of the intended arrival of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth.

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 and The Mersey) Regulations 2022 and they come into force on 24th March 2022.

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 on 24th March 2022 and 0800 hours on 28th March 2022 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 532429N 0030003W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

23rd March 2022

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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 the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) up to 02:00 hours on 27th March 2022 after which it is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on unmanned flying in the vicinity of Liverpool and The Mersey by reason of the intended visit of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth which is scheduled to take place there between 24th March 2022 and 28th March 2022 (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 ship for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) up to 02:00 hours on 27th March 2022 after which it is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), Merseyside Police may be contacted as notified.

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.