

2023 No. 1073

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - - *9th October 2023*

Coming into force - - *29th December 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 holding there of events associated with the New Year celebrations.

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) (Edinburgh) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 29th December 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 1730 hours and 2130 hours on 29th December 2023 and between 2000 hours on 31st December and 0115 hours on 1st January 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 555655N 0031202W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Scotland aviation safety and security unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

9th October 2023

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Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Edinburgh during the Torchlight Parade on the 29th December 2023 and the Hogmanay celebrations on the 31st December 2023 and the 1st January 2024.

At the request of Police Scotland, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of these events 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).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Police Scotland aviation safety and security unit may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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