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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Wembley Stadium)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - 20th February 2023

Coming into force - - 26th March 2023

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in Regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons at a football match.

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) (Wembley Stadium) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 26th March 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 1400 hours and 2000 hours on 26th March 2023 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,800 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 513321N 0001646W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th February 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 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 Wembley Football Stadium, London during a UEFA EURO 2024 qualifying football match that is scheduled to take place there on 26th March 2023.

As a large number of spectators are due to attend the match the Metropolitan Police Service considers that unmanned aircraft flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the Stadium for reasons of public safety and security and this has been agreed with by the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

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 Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted on telephone number 07342 718340.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.