

2024 No. 448

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Aintree) Regulations
2024**

Made - - - - *2nd April 2024*
Coming into force - - *11th April 2024*

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 gathering there of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside.

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) (Aintree) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 11th April 2024.

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 0700 hours and 1800 hours on each of the three days beginning on 11th April 2024 and ending on 13th April 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 532832N 0025657W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

- (a) operated by the Police UAS Unit or flying in accordance with a permission issued by that Unit, or
- (b) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(c).

(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).
(c) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

Grade 7

2nd April 2024

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 Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside by the reason of the large number of persons expected to attend the 2024 Grand National event which is due to take place there between 11th April 2024 and 13th April 2024 (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 event location for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

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)(a), the Police UAS Unit may be contacted as notified.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.