

**2024 No. 1185**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

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

*Made* - - - - *18th November 2024*

*Coming into force* - - *12th May 2025*

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 intending holding there of a multi-agency exercise.

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) (Northampton) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 12th May 2025.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level beginning at 0001 hours on 12th May 2025 and ending at 2300 hours on 14th May 2025 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 nautical miles centred at 521400N 0005451W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

18th November 2024

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none are relevant.  
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Sumer 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 Northampton where a multi-agency exercise is intended to take place between 12th May 2025 and 14th May 2025 (inclusive).

At the request of the Northamptonshire Police Service, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the exercise for reasons of public safety and security.

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 Northamptonshire Police Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 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.