

2024 No. 1295

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - - *6th December 2024*

Coming into force - - *14th January 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) (Minehead) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 14th January 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), beginning at 0700 hours and ending at 1700 hours on 14th January 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 511237N 0032755W,
- (b) 511242N 0032726W,
- (c) 511227N 0032707W,
- (d) 511221N 0032644W,
- (e) 511153N 0032701W,
- (f) 511214N 0032749W,
- (g) 511224N 0032747W, and
- (h) 511237N 0032755W.

(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 the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

Grade 7

6th December 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 Minehead, Somerset where a multi-agency exercise is intended to take place on 14th January 2025.

At the request of the Avon and Somerset 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 event for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

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

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

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