

2024 No. 996

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Whitehall London)
Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - *4th October 2024*

Coming into force - - *17th November 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 holding there of a Tri-Service ceremony at the Cenotaph.

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) (Whitehall London) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 17th November 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), beginning at 1000 hours and ending at 1300 hours on 17th November 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 513009N 0000734W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004(c), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017(d), or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(e), or

(b) to any unmanned aircraft—

(i) operated by or on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service, or

(ii) flying in accordance with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service.

(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).
(c) S.I. 2004/2092.
(d) S.I. 2017/1300.
(e) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th October 2024

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying unmanned aircraft above Central London during a Tri-Service ceremony in the vicinity of the Cenotaph in Whitehall which is due to take place there on 17th November 2024.

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.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2092), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1300), and 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 the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Metropolitan 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).

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