

2018 No. 678

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Music Festivals)
Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - *4th June 2018*

Coming into force - - *9th August 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons at music festivals in the vicinity of Newquay, Reading, and Daresbury.

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) (Music Festivals) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 9th August 2018.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), between 0800 hours on 9th August and 1400 hours on 13th August 2018, 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 1.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 502601N 0050230W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), between 0800 hours on 9th August and 1400 hours on 13th August 2018, 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 0.75 nautical miles whose centre is at 502601N 0050230W.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Devon and Cornwall Police Lead Drone Officer.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), between 0800 hours on 22nd August and 1400 hours on 27th August 2018, 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 1.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 512758N 0005952W.

(5) Paragraph (4) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Festival Republic Reading Silver Commander.

(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).

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), between 0800 hours on 23rd August and 1400 hours on 27th August 2018, 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 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 532031N 0023713W.

(7) Paragraph (6) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Festival Republic Creamfields Silver Commander.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

4th June 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft systems in the vicinity of Newquay, Cornwall, and Reading, Berkshire, and Daresbury, Cheshire, by reason of the gathering of large numbers of persons at music concerts that are scheduled to take place there on various dates in August 2018. The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the specified areas during the specified periods for reasons of public safety.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘unmanned aircraft’ by virtue of article 23 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 4 to, the Air Navigation Order 2016, includes remotely piloted aircraft and small unmanned aircraft. These aircraft types are commonly referred to as drones.

The times mentioned in regulation 3 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3), the Devon and Cornwall Police Lead Drone Officer may be contacted on telephone number 07736 884255.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(5), the Festival Republic Reading Silver Commander may be contacted on telephone number 07545 701420.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(7), the Festival Republic Creamfields Silver Commander may be contacted on telephone number 07595 676116.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.