

**2023 No. 804**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Firth of Forth)  
Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - *14th July 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *19th July 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest and national defence to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the operations of HMS Prince of Wales which are due to take place there.

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) (Firth of Forth) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 19th July 2023.

**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 between—

- (a) 0900 hours and 1700 hours on the 19th July 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 560031N 0032616W, and
- (b) 0900 hours and 1700 hours on the 24th July 2023 within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively—
  - (i) 560123N 0032648W,
  - (ii) 560106N 0032431W,
  - (iii) 560043N 0032420W,
  - (iv) 560146N 0032036W,
  - (v) 555915N 0032045W,
  - (vi) 555937N 0032714W, and

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(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).

(vii) 560123N 0032648W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operated by Police Scotland or flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

14th July 2023

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Firth of Forth because of the operations of HMS Prince of Wales that are due to take place there on 19th July 2023 and 24th July 2023.

In view of the high visibility of these operations and at the request of Police Scotland, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of HMS Price of Wales for reasons of national defence 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 Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit 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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