

**2025 No. 852**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Balmedie,  
Aberdeen) Regulations 2025**

*Made* - - - -

*14th July 2025*

*Coming into force* - -

*20th July 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 intended gathering there of a large number of persons attending two golfing championship tournaments.

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) (Balmedie, Aberdeen) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 20th July 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 with 0300 hours on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and ending with 2100 hours on 10th August 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile which is centred at 571638N 0020116W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Fairhurst Event Safety Officer.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

14th July 2025

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.

(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer 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 Balmedie, Aberdeen by reason of the large number of persons expected to attend two golfing championship events which are due to take place there on 20th July 2025 to 10th August 2025, inclusive.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the events for reasons of public safety.

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 Fairhurst Event Safety Officer 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 Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.