

**2021 No. 450**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot) Regulations  
2021**

*Made* - - - - *7th April 2021*

*Coming into force* - - *15th June 2021*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Ascot Racecourse, Berkshire, by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons associated with the Royal Ascot 2021 horse racing event.

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) (Ascot) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 15th June 2021.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0900 hours and 1900 hours on the five days beginning on the 15th June 2021 and ending on the 19th June 2021, 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 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 512515N 0003934W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the air traffic control unit at Ascot Heliport.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

7th April 2021

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations, 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 Ascot Racecourse, Berkshire, by reason of the gathering of large numbers of persons at the Royal Ascot 2021 horse racing event on the five days between 15th and 19th June 2021(inclusive). The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) 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(2), the air traffic control unit at Ascot Heliport may be contacted as notified.

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 S J Maxted, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 383216.