STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 606

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Aintree) Regulations 2019

Made - - - -	*14th March 2019*
Coming into force - -	*4th April 2019*

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 associated with the 2019 Grand National at Aintree Racecourse.

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) (Aintree) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 4th April 2019.

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 0730 hours and 1830 hours on each day beginning on 4th April and ending on 6th April 2019, 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 532827N 0025622W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with a permission issued by the Operations Manager at Aintree Racecourse.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
Department for Transport

14th March 2019

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments that are 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 Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside, by reason of the gathering of large numbers of persons attending the 2019 Grand National horse racing event on the three days between 4th and 6th April 2019 (inclusive). The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted 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(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 Operations Manager at Aintree Racecourse may be contacted on telephone numbers 07741 247200 and 0151 522 2952.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by 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.