STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 499

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot and Windsor) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*22nd April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*17th June 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict unmanned flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the security arrangements for persons travelling to and from the Royal Ascot 2025 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 and Windsor) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 17th June 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 at 0800 hours and ending at 1800 hours on each of the 5 days commencing on 17th June 2025 and concluding on 21st June 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 900 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical mile centred at 512708N 0003638W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

(a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Thames Valley Police Service,

(b) operated by or on behalf of a Police Air Support Unit, or

(c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) (Restricted Area EG R156) Regulations 2021(**c**) and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot) (No. 2) Regulations 2025(**d**).

(**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).
(**c**) S.I. 2021/1137.
(**d**) S.I. 2025/490.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
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22nd April 2025 Department for Transport

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 and Windsor in relation to the security arrangements for persons travelling to and from the Royal Ascot 2025 horse racing event that is due to take place there between 17th to 21st June 2025 (inclusive).

The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of Ascot and Windsor during the Royal Ascot 2025 horse racing event for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) (Restricted Area EG R156) Regulations 2021(**a**) and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot) (No. 2) Regulations 2025(**b**).

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)(a), the Thames Valley Police Service 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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382471.

(**a**) S.I. 2021/1137.
(**b**) S.I. 2025/490.