STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 932

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blackpool) (No. 2) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*25th July 2025*
Coming into force - -	*29th August 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intending gathering there of a large number of persons attending the Blackpool Illuminations events 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) (Blackpool) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 29th August 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 1500 hours and ending with 2200 hours on 29th August 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,100 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 of a nautical mile which is centred at 534854N 0030323W.

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

(a) operated by or on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary, or

(b) operated in accordance with a permission issued by Lancashire Constabulary Drone Exemptions.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
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Department for Transport

25th July 2025

(**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 Blackpool seafront due to the Blackpool Illuminations events that are due to take place there on 29th August 2025.

At the request of the Lancashire Constabulary, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of Blackpool seafront 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), Lancashire Constabulary Drone Exceptions 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.