STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 472

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Chelsea) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*9th April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*19th May 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 large gathering of persons due to attend an event 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) (Chelsea) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 19th May 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 1100 hours and ending at 2000 hours on 19th May 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.6 nautical miles centred at 512908N 0000919W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
Department for Transport

9th April 2025

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, as 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 Chelsea, London where a large gathering of persons is due to attend the 2025 Royal Chelsea Flower Show on 19th May 2025.

At the request of the Metropolitan Police Service, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the Flower Show on 19th May 2025 for reasons of public safety and security.

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 Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by an Aeronautical Information Service Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr A H Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.