STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 426

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*2nd April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*6th June 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 intended gathering there of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Epsom Downs 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) (Epsom) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 6th 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 0700 hours and ending at 1900 hours on the 6th and 7th June 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 1.5 nautical miles centred at 511811N 0001511W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Air Traffic Control unit at Epsom Heliport.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
Department for Transport

2nd April 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 Epsom Downs racecourse, Surrey where a large gathering of persons is due to attend the horse racing festival on 6th June 2025 and 7th June 2025.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the festival 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 Air Traffic Control unit at Epsom Heliport may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by an 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 03301 382471.