STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 900

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Firth of Forth) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*18th July 2025*
Coming into force - -	*23rd July 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest and national defence to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the operations of a Royal Navy Aircraft Carrier 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) (Firth of Forth) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 23rd July 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), between 0400 hours on 23rd July 2025 and 1500 hours on 30th July 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 560135N 0032737W,

(b) 560106N 0032431W,

(c) 560043N 0032420W,

(d) 560146N 0032036W,

(e) 555915N 0032045W,

(f) 555951N 0032835W, and

(g) 560135N 0032737W.

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

(a) operated by or on behalf of Police Scotland, or

(**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).

(b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit, or

(c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016(**a**).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Office
18th July 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 the Firth of Forth due to the operations of a Royal Navy Aircraft Carrier that are due to take place there on 23rd July 2025 to 30th July 2025, inclusive. At the request of the Police Scotland, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the Firth of Forth for reasons of national defence and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1003) and are applicable particularly to EGR603 ROSYTH.

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 Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet 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.

(**a**) S.I. 2016/1003.