STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 657

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*5th June 2025*
Coming into force - -	*9th June 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of public safety and security during the intended holding of a Royal visit 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) (Lancaster) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 9th 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 with 0700 hours and ending with 1600 hours on 9th June 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,400 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles which is centred at 540300N 0024820W.

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

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**c**), or

(b) flying in accordance with a permission granted by Lancashire Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joseph Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

5th June 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).
(**c**) S.I. 2023/1101.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Lancaster, Lancashire, during a Royal visit that is scheduled to take place there on 9th June 2025. The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted for reasons of 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).

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), Lancashire Police 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.