STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 619

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*22nd May 2025*
Coming into force - -	*20th 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 holding there of music concerts.

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) (Leeds) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 20th 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 0500 hours on 20th August 2025 and ending with 1600 hours on 25th August 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 900 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 535247N 0012250W,

(b) 535248N 0012151W,

(c) 535219N 0012128W,

(d) 535119N 0012114W,

(e) 535110N 0012315W,

(f) 535141N 0012355W,

(g) 535146N 0012348W.

(h) 535151N 0012404W,

(i) 535147N 0012422W,

(**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).

(j) 535151N 0012426W,

(k) 535201N 0012348W,

(l) 535216N 0012343W, and

(m) 535247N, 0012250W.

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

(a) flying with the permission of the Festival Republic event safety officer, or

(b) operated by or on behalf of a Police Air Support Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joseph Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

22nd May 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Leeds, West Yorkshire, during the 2025 Leeds Festival music concerts that are due to take place there starting on 20th August 2025 and ending on 25th August 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 events 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)(a), the Festival Republic event safety officer 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.