STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 719

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*18th June 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 a music festival.

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) (Reading) 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 1700 hours on 25th August 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 700 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 512831N 0010111W,

(b) 512822N 0010030W,

(c) 512805N 0010034W,

(d) 512813N 0005956W,

(e) 512800N 0005847W,

(f) 512753N 0005845W,

(g) 512744N 0005920W,

(h) 512747N 0010007W,

(i) 512754N 0010050W,

(**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) 512759N 0010051W,

(k) 512811N 0010123W,

(l) 512816N 0010117W, and

(m) 512831N 0010111W.

(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

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

18th June 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 Reading, Berkshire, during the 2025 Reading Festival that is due to take place there on 20th to 25th August 2025, inclusive. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event 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 events 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.