STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 668

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*9th June 2025*
Coming into force - -	*31st July 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 of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Edinburgh Castle.

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) (Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 31st 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 (3), beginning with 1500 hours and ending with 2259 hours on each of the dates specified in paragraph (2), 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) 555658N 0031217W,

(b) 555701N 0031147W,

(c) 555658N 0031137W,

(d) 555655N 0031137W,

(e) 555651N 0031149W,

(f) 555649N 0031209W, and

(g) 555658N 0031217W.

(2) The dates specified in paragraph (1) begin with—

(**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).

(a) 31st July 2025 and end with 2nd August 2025,

(b) 4th August 2025 and end with 9th August 2025,

(c) 11th August 2025 and end with 16th August 2025, and

(d) 18th August 2025 and end with 23rd August 2025.

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

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

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7
Department for Transport

9th 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 Edinburgh Castle by the reason of the large number of persons expected to attend the 2025 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo which is due to take place there on 31st July to 23rd 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(3)(b), the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit 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.