

2024 No. 495

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Chester)
Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - *10th April 2024*
Coming into force - - *6th June 2024*

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 visit there by a number of VIPs.

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) (Chester) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 6th June 2024.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,100 feet above mean sea level between—

- (a) 1900 hours on the 6th June 2024 and 1800 hours on the 7th June 2024 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 531131N 0025328W, and
- (b) 0600 hours on the 7th June 2024 and 2300 hours on the 8th June 2024 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 530835N 0025233W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Lancashire Constabulary.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

10th April 2024

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Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Chester, Cheshire from the 6th to the 8th June 2024 (inclusive) due to visits at two locations by VIPs that are due to take place there.

In view of the high profile of the events and at the request of the Lancashire Constabulary, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the two locations for reasons of public 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).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Lancashire Constabulary may be contacted on telephone number 07866 788727.

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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.