

2018 No. 934

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Birmingham)
Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - *13th August 2018*

Coming into force - - *28th September 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the International Convention Centre, Birmingham by reason of the intended holding of the Conservative Party Conference that is scheduled to take place 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) (Birmingham) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 28th September 2018.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0500 hours on 28th September and 0500 hours on 4th October 2018, no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 522842N 0015434W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Conservative Party Conference Security Coordinator.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13th August 2018

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations 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 Birmingham during the Conservative Party Conference that is scheduled to take place between 28th September and 4th October 2018. In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of all members of Her Majesty's Government, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport consider that the flying of unmanned aircraft systems should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

In relation to regulation 3, the term 'unmanned aircraft' by virtue of article 23 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 4 to, the Air Navigation Order 2016, includes remotely piloted aircraft and small unmanned aircraft. These aircraft types are commonly referred to as drones.

The times mentioned in regulation 3 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Conservative Party Conference Security Coordinator may be contacted on telephone number 07980 583310.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.