

2018 No. 935

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (River Thames)
Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - *13th August 2018*

Coming into force - - *14th September 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the River Thames, Central London, by reason of intense helicopter activity 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) (River Thames) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 14th 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 1645 hours and 2300 hours on each day beginning on 14th September and ending on 16th September 2018, no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 513110N 0000800W,
- (b) 513110N 0000250W,
- (c) 512930N 0000250W,
- (d) 512930N 0000800W, and
- (e) 513110N 0000800W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operating with the permission of the Chief Pilot, Arena Aviation Limited.

(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13th August 2018

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the River Thames, Central London during aerial filming activities involving multiple helicopters that are scheduled to take place during the period 14th to 16th September 2018. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport consider that flying of unmanned aircraft systems should be restricted in the vicinity of the activity for reasons of public safety.

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(1) 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 Chief Pilot, Arena Aviation Limited may be contacted on telephone number 07872 189608.

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.