STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 334

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Leicester, Diwali Celebrations) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*12th March 2025*
Coming into force - -	*20th October 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 there of a large number of persons at the 2025 Diwali Celebrations in Leicester.

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) (Leicester, Diwali Celebrations) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 20th October 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 at 1100 hours on 20th October 2025 and ending at 0100 hours on 21st October 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,300 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 523857N 0010713W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by Leicestershire Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
Department for Transport

12th March 2025

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, as 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).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Leicester City Centre where a large gathering of persons is expected to attend the 2025 Diwali Celebrations that are due to take place there on 20th October 2025 and 21st October 2025.

The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event 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), Leicestershire Police may be contacted as notified.

Full details of the 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 A H Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.