STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 353

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portrush, Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*13th March 2025*
Coming into force - -	*7th May 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 North West 200 Motorcycle Race.

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) (Portrush, Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 7th May 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 551128N 0064319W,

(ii) 551157N 0064120W,

(iii) 551207N 0063848W,

(iv) 551016N 0063926W,

(v) 550908N 0063933W,

(vi) 550936N 0064008W,

(vii) 551021N 0064015W,

(viii) 551138N 0063944W,

(ix) 551115N 0064150W, and

(**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).

(x) 551128N 0064319W, and

(b) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 551128N 0064319N,

(ii) 551115N 0064150W,

(iii) 551046N 0064059W,

(iv) 550936N 0064008W,

(v) 550908N 0063933W,

(vi) 550908N 0064026W,

(vii) 550942N 0064050W,

(viii) 551034N 0064132W, and

(ix) 551128N 0064319W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin at—

(i) 0700 hours and end at 1500 hours on 7th May 2025,

(ii) 0700 hours and end at 2000 hours on 8th May 2025, and

(iii) 0700 hours and end at 2100 hours on 10th May 2025.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
13th March 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Portrush, Northern Ireland where a large gathering of persons is expected to attend the North West 200 Motorcycle Race events that are due to take place there on 7th, 8th and 10th May 2025.

At the request of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, 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 location for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) 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), the Police Service of Northern Ireland may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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