STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 500

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*22nd April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*21st June 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 holding there of the 2025 Armed Forces Day celebrations.

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) (Newtownards, Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 21st June 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 0830 hours and ending at 1600 hours on 21st June 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,200 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles centred at 543454N 0054129W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
22nd April 2025 Department for Transport

(**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 Newtownards, Northern Ireland during the 2025 Armed Forces Day celebrations that are due to take place there on 21st June 2025.

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 and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

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

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Police Service of Northern Ireland Airspace Co-ordinator may be contacted as notified.

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382734.