STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 725

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Bristol Balloon Fiesta) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*19th June 2025*
Coming into force - -	*8th August 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intending gathering of a large number of persons for the Bristol Balloon Fiesta.

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) (Bristol Balloon Fiesta) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 8th August 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 with 0400 hours and ending with 2200 hours on each of the three days beginning with 8th and ending with 10th August 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 512647N 0023947W,

(b) 512706N 0023915W,

(c) 512721N 0023846W,

(d) 512708N 0023811W,

(e) 512706N 0023739W,

(f) 512659N 0023733W,

(g) 512649N 0023728W,

(h) 512639N 0023730W,

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none are relevant.
(**b**) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(i) 512629N 0023733W,

(j) 512639N 0023758W,

(k) 512632N 0023804W,

(l) 512623N 0023745W,

(m) 512612N 0023812W,

(n) 512602N 0023828W,

(o) 512638N 0023938W, and

(p) 512647N 0023947W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Bristol Balloon Fiesta.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7
19th June 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 the Bristol Balloon Fiesta, where the gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place on 8th to 10th August 2025, inclusive. 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 for reasons of public safety.

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), Bristol Balloon Fiesta may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this 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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.