STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 506

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Almondsbury) (Restricted Area EGR1U081) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*12th May 2026*
Coming into force - -	*14th May 2026*

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 2(1) by reason of the security and public safety considerations associated with the location there of the National Police Air Service.

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) (Almondsbury) (Restricted Area EGR1U081) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 14th May 2026.

Restricted airspace

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), 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 0.5 of a nautical mile centred at 513308N 0023335W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—

(a) operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service, or

(b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the National Police Air Service.

Revocation of Regulations

3. The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Almondsbury) (Restricted Zone EG R181) Regulations 2025(**b**) are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

12th May 2026

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(**b**) S.I. 2025/169.

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 National Police Air Service base at Almondsbury.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of that location for reasons of security and public safety.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 2(2)(b), the National Police Air Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this statutory instrument will be included in the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). The restricted area has been designated as EGR1U081 for the purpose of inclusion in the AIP and in related charts and documents.

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.