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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Pontyclun)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - *20th November 2025*

Coming into force - - *4th December 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 intended visit there by a number of Very Important Persons (VIPs).

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) (Pontyclun) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 4th December 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 0700 hours on 4th December 2025 and ending with 1900 hours on 5th December 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles which is centred at 512943N 0032238W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the South Wales Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th November 2025

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Hensol, Pontyclun, Mid Glamorgan on 4th and 5th December 2025 due to VIP visits that are due to take place there.

In view of the high profile of the event and at the request of the South Wales Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the South Wales Police may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this statutory instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet 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.