

2025 No. 1252

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Edinburgh) (No. 2)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - 28th November 2025

Coming into force - - 29th 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 Edinburgh Hogmanay Celebrations that are due to take place there.

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) (Edinburgh) (No. 2) Regulations 2025, and they come into force on 29th 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 (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 555655N 0031202W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(a) between—

(i) 1700 hours on 29th December 2025 and 0100 hours on 30th December 2025,

(ii) 1800 hours on 31st December 2025 and 0200 hours on 1st January 2026.

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

(a) operated by or on behalf of a Police Air Support Unit, or

(b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by Police Scotland Air Safety and Security Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State 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).

28th November 2025

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity Edinburgh City Centre by the reason of the Torchlight and Hogmanay Celebrations that are due to take place there between 29th December 2025 and 1st January 2026 (inclusive).

At the request of Police Scotland, 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 the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3)(b), the Police Scotland Air Safety and Security Unit 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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