STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1125

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Derry, Londonderry) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*26th October 2026*
Coming into force - -	*31st October 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 3(1) by reason of the intending gathering there of a large number of persons.

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) (Derry, Londonderry) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 31st October 2026.

Interpretation

2. The times referred to in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period beginning with 1600 hours and ending with 2300 hours on 31st October 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,300 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 550052N 0071942W,

(b) 550115N 0071905W,

(c) 550102N 0071827W,

(d) 550030N 0071807W,

(e) 545943N 0071821W,

(f) 545915N 0071852W,

(g) 545928N 0071939W,

(h) 545944N 0071959W,

(i) 550023N 0071959W, and

(**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).

(j) 550052N 0071942W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Service of Northern Ireland Silver Commander for Derry Halloween Festival.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

26th October 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Derry, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, where the gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place on 31st October 2026. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in that area for reasons of public safety and security.

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

In relation to the permission referred to in regulation 3(2), the Police Service of Northern Ireland Silver Commander for Derry Halloween Festival may be contacted as notified.

Full details of these Regulations will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Thomas Shainberg, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382515.