

2026 No. 862

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Edinburgh
Military Tattoo) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - -

22nd July 2026

Coming into force - -

7th August 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) (Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 7th August 2026.

Interpretation

2. The times referred to in regulation 3(2) 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 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 555701N 0031147W,
- (b) 555658N 0031137W,
- (c) 555655N 0031137W,
- (d) 555651N 0031149W,
- (e) 555649N 0031209W,
- (f) 555658N 0031217W, and
- (g) 555701N 0031147W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin with 1500 hours and end with 2259 hours on—

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

- (a) each of the two days of 7th August 2026 and 8th August 2026,
- (b) each of the six days beginning with 10th August 2026 and ending with 15th August 2026,
- (c) each of the six days beginning with 17th August 2026 and ending with 22nd August 2026, and
- (d) each of the six days beginning with 24th August 2026 and ending with 29th August 2026.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7

22nd July 2026

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 Edinburgh Castle, Scotland, where the gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is necessary and in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission referred to in regulation 3(3), the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit 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.