

**BRIEFING SHEET
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**RESTRICTION OF FLYING REGULATIONS: (APPLICABLE TO UAS ONLY) FIRTH OF FORTH
19-24 APRIL 2026**

1. A Restricted Area (Temporary) is established over the Firth of Forth in the vicinity of North Queensferry, Edinburgh, between **19 – 24 April 2026** where the operations of a Royal Navy aircraft carrier will take place. The Secretary of State for Transport has decided that it is necessary for reasons of National defence and security, to introduce Restriction of Flying Regulations under Article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 to restrict the operation of all types of unmanned aircraft.

THESE RESTRICTIONS OF FLYING DO NOT APPLY TO MANNED AIRCRAFT

2. Subject to paragraph 3, **between 0100 hours on 19 April and 2300 hours on 24 April**, no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1400 FT AMSL within the area bounded by:

AREA		
SFC to 1400 FT AMSL		
A	560155N 0032844W	then straight line to
B	560106N 0032431W	then straight line to
C	560043N 0032420W	then straight line to
D	560146N 0032036W	then straight line to
E	555915N 0032045W	then straight line to
F	555955N 0033001W	then straight line to
G	560155N 0032844W	-

3. Paragraph 2 does not apply to any unmanned aircraft system:
- a) flying in accordance with the permission of the Ministry of Defence, who may be contacted via telephone number 01436-655769 or email: MDP-ForceControl-GMB@mod.gov.uk, or via telephone number 02392-722707 or email: MDP-Portsmouth-ControlRoom-GMB@mod.gov.uk, or
 - b) operated by or on behalf of:
 - a. the Ministry of Defence,
 - b. a Police Air Support Unit,
 - c. a Fire and Rescue Service, or
 - d. the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
4. The times mentioned in this briefing sheet are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour before British Summer Time (BST).
5. Details of Restricted Airspace feature in the daily AIS Information Line message 08085-354802 and 01489-887515 and will be included on the Pre-flight Information Bulletins (PIB) through the AIS Website at <http://nats.aero/ais>.
6. Further enquiries can be made to Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Civil Aviation Authority at david.ridley@caa.co.uk.