GIBRALTAR
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Direction 003-2026

Direction to UAV Operators – UAV Airspace Closures

1. For the purposes of the security of HMS Queen Elizabeth while in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters, the Director General of the Gibraltar Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), in the exercise of his powers under section 19(1)(a) of the Civil Aviation Authority Act 2024, makes the following Direction to all persons holding a permit to operate Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) within Gibraltar Airspace issued by the GCAA or, as previously, the Director of Civil Aviation:

2. From 0400hrs until 1600hrs on Saturday 24th October all UAV fly zones within Gibraltar airspace are closed, except for the Catalan Bay and Sandy Bay fly zones.

3. From 1601hrs on Saturday 24th October until 0359hrs on Friday 30th October, all UAV fly zones within Gibraltar airspace are closed, except for the Europa Point, Catalan Bay, Sandy Bay fly zones and Area "C" of the Seaborne areas permit.

4. From 0400hrs until 1600hrs on Friday 30th October all UAV fly zones within Gibraltar airspace are closed, except for the Catalan Bay and Sandy Bay fly zones.

5. Commercial UAV Operators should contact the GCAA if they have urgent flights that may need to be carried out within these periods.

6. All times stipulated are local times.

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