

2012 No. 152

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge)
Regulations 2012**

Made - - - - - *20th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *20th June 2012*

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire, by reason of the anticipated gathering of a large number of persons on 20th and 21st June 2012.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 20th June 2012.

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1700 hours on 20th June and 1100 hours on 21st June 2012, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 511044N 0014934W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying—

- (a) with the permission of the Chief Officer of Police for the Wiltshire Constabulary;
- (b) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Boscombe Down;
or
- (c) within the airspace notified as the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas if it does so with the permission of the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations(b).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

J Parkinson
Head of Aviation Policy Development
Department for Transport

20th January 2012

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) Salisbury Plain Operations is a unit which provides a Range Safety Service by issuing clearances to aircraft to operate within the Salisbury Plain Danger Area Complex.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire during the summer solstice period, in connection with which it is anticipated that a gathering of a large number of persons will be present there on 20th and 21st June 2012. For security and public safety reasons, the Wiltshire Constabulary has requested the Secretary of State to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge during this period. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority's Directorate of Airspace Policy (DAP) and the Department for Transport.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM, which will also provide contact details for the Wiltshire Constabulary and Salisbury Plain Air Operations in connection with the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2).

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, DAP Airspace Specialist 6, Telephone 020 7453 6586.