

2012 No. 906

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2012

Made - - - - *19th March 2012*

Coming into force - - *9th May 2012*

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Charing Cross, London during the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place on 9th May 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) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 9th May 2012.

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

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0930 hours and 1130 hours on 9th May 2012 no aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 513030N 0000731W.

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

- (a) operated by the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolitan Police Service,
- (b) operated by the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) making an approach to Runway 09 at London City Airport at a height of not less than 1,500 feet above mean sea level and to the east of a line running true north to true south through 513030N 0000514W (London Bridge),
- (d) making an approach to or departure from The London Heliport, Battersea, to the west of a line running true north to true south through 512852N 0001018W (Battersea Bridge) under the control of London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
- (e) operated with the specific authority of Superintendent David Warner of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

J Parkinson
Head of Aviation Policy Development
Department for Transport

19th March 2012

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace specified in regulation 3 by reason of the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place on 9th May 2012 and are made pursuant to a request from the Metropolitan Police Service, via the Home Office, which forms part of the overall security arrangements for this event. This request has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority, Directorate of Airspace Policy (DAP) and the Department for Transport.

In relation to the authority mentioned in regulation 3(2)(e), Superintendent David Warner may be contacted through the Metropolitan Police Service Air Support Unit on telephone 020 8345 4888 (24 hours).

Full details of the airspace restrictions will be promulgated by NOTAM.

Further enquiries can be made to Mr R E J Gratton, DAP Airspace Specialist 6, telephone 020 7453 6586.