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CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Supporting Syria and the Regions Conference) (London) Regulations 2016

Made - - - - *2nd February 2016*

Coming into force - - *4th February 2016*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of central London, by reason of the intended holding of the Supporting Syria and the Regions Conference.

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Supporting Syria and the Regions Conference) (London) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 4th February 2016.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0700 hours and 2000 hours on 4th February 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded successively by—

- (a) a straight line from 513611N 0002209W to 513611N 0000311W,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 17 nautical miles centred on 512812N 0002713W, from 513611N 0000311W to 512013N 0000316W,
- (c) a straight line from 512013N 0000316W to 512013N 0001547W, and
- (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 11 nautical miles centred on 512957N 0000738W, from 512013N 0001547W to 513611N 0002209W.

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

- (a) making an approach to, or departing from, London City Airport, London Heathrow Airport or RAF Northolt whilst under the control of, as the case may be—
 - (i) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick,

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

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (ii) the air traffic control unit at London City Airport,
- (iii) the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,
- (iv) the air traffic control unit at RAF(U) Swanwick, or
- (v) the air traffic control unit at RAF Northolt,
- (b) flying in the service the National Police Air Service,
- (c) flying in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (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) whilst under the control of London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
- (e) operated with the permission of Chief Inspector Aidan Gibson of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Eirik Pitkethly
Head of Aviation Strategy & Consumers
Department for Transport

2nd February 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of central London as part of the security arrangements for the Supporting Syria and the Regions Conference which is being held in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. The Metropolitan Police Service considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the venue for reasons of public safety. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority's Safety and Airspace Regulation Group and the Department for Transport.

In relation to regulation 3(1), the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part A of Schedule 3 to the Air Navigation Order 2009 and also includes, by virtue of article 253(3) of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute, as such terms are defined in article 255(1) of the Order.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(e), Chief Inspector Aiden Gibson may be contacted through the Metropolitan Police Service Air Support Unit on telephone 020 8345 4888 (24 hours).

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, telephone 020 7453 6586.