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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge)
Regulations 2016**

Made - - - - *4th February 2016*

Coming into force - - *20th June 2016*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire, by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons there.

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) (Stonehenge) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 20th June 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 1700 hours on 20th June and 1100 hours on 21st June 2016, 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) in the service of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) with the permission of the Chief Officer of Police for the Wiltshire Constabulary,
- (d) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Boscombe Down,
or
- (e) 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(c).

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(c) 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th February 2016

Kate Jennings
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

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 2016. 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 and the Department for Transport.

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Chief Officer of Police for the Wiltshire Constabulary may be contacted on telephone 01380 734047 and the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations on 01980 674729.

In relation to regulation 3(1), the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified in 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 one hour behind British Summer Time.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and 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.