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CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2016

Made - - - - *30th March 2016*

Coming into force - - *18th May 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 State Opening of Parliament.

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) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 18th May 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 0930 hours and 1130 hours on 18th May 2016 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 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 or on behalf of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of 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) whilst under the control of—
 - (i) London City Airport Air Traffic Control, or
 - (ii) London Terminal Control, Swanwick, or
- (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—

^(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).

- (i) London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
- (ii) London Terminal Control, Swanwick, or
- (e) flying in accordance with the permission of Inspector Vince Brady of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

30th March 2016

Tim May
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace specified in regulation 3(1) above central London during the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place there on 18th May 2016. In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, and other VIPs, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of security.

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. It 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.

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.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(e), Inspector Vince Brady 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 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.