

2016 No. 526

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Flypast) Regulations 2016

Made - - - - - *21st April 2016*

Coming into force - - - - - *11th June 2016*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Southwold and parts of Suffolk, Essex, Berkshire and Oxfordshire by reason of the holding of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday.

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) (Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Flypast) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 11th June 2016.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (7), between 1010 hours and 1205 hours and between 1410 hours and 1605 hours on 11th June 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 10,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 525209N 0022026E,
- (b) 523249N 0025026E,
- (c) 522558N 0024447E,
- (d) 520814N 0020909E,
- (e) 520436N 0015041E,
- (f) 522200N 0012000E, and
- (g) 525209N 0022026E.

(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).

(2) Subject to paragraph (7), between 1130 hours and 1215 hours and between 1530 hours and 1615 hours on 11th June 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 7,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 521650N 0012910E,
- (b) 521325N 0013513E,
- (c) 515710N 0010319E,
- (d) 520058N 0005809E, and
- (e) 521650N 0012910E.

(3) Subject to paragraph (7), between 1135 hours and 1210 hours and between 1535 hours and 1610 hours on 11th June 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 515551N 0004820E,
- (b) 520058N 0005809E,
- (c) 515710N 0010319E,
- (d) 515205N 0005331E, and
- (e) 515551N 0004820E.

(4) Subject to paragraph (7), between 1135 hours and 1215 hours and between 1535 hours and 1615 hours on 11th June 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 515039N 0003538E,
- (b) 515500N 0004643E,
- (c) 515551N 0004820E,
- (d) 515205N 0005331E,
- (e) 515048N 0005103E,
- (f) 514628N 0003949E, and
- (g) 515039N 0003538E.

(5) Subject to paragraph (7), between 1140 hours and 1220 hours and between 1540 hours and 1620 hours on 11th June 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 513433N 0000433W,
- (b) 515039N 0003538E,
- (c) 514628N 0003949E,
- (d) 513409N 0000826E, and
- (e) 513433N 0000433W.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), between 1200 hours and 1230 hours and between 1600 hours and 1630 hours on 11th June 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 514834N 0011958W
- (b) 515008N 0004230W,
- (c) 513611N 0002353W,
- (d) 513611N 0004133W,
- (e) 514349N 0011753W, and
- (f) 514834N 0011958W.

(7) Paragraphs (1) to (6) do not apply to any aircraft flying—

- (a) in accordance with a clearance issued by RAF(Unit) Swanwick,

- (b) in accordance with a clearance issued by any of the air traffic control units at Southend Airport, the London Terminal Control Centre, RAF Northolt, RAF Benson, or RAF Brize Norton,
- (c) in the service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (d) in accordance with the permission of the HQ AIR Queen's Birthday Flypast 2016 Project Officer.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

21st April 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 airspace specified in regulation 3 in the vicinity of Southwold and parts of Suffolk, Essex, Berkshire and Oxfordshire by reason of the holding of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday that is scheduled to take place over central London on 11th June 2016. As timings for this event are critical and the formation may not be able to take effective avoiding action, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the formation.

Regulation 3, relating to the day of the flypast, creates flying restrictions by reference to two sets of timings. This is to cater for the possibility of a delay for reasons of poor weather or security. If the earlier times are used, the later restrictions will be cancelled by means of the necessary clearance or permission.

In relation to regulations 3, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by 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) to 3(6) 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(7)(d), the HQ AIR Queen's Birthday Flypast 2016 Project Officer may be contacted on telephone number 01494 495464 or 07770 648637.

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 number 020 7453 6586.