

2017 No. 36

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham Festival) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - - *19th January 2017*

Coming into force - - - *14th March 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire by reason of the holding of the Cheltenham Festival.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham Festival) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 14th March 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) between 1000 hours and 2000 hours on each day beginning on 14th March 2017 and ending on 17th March 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded successively by—

- (a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles centred on 515533N 0020316W, from 515515N 0020805W to 515331N 0020649W, and
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred on 515339N 0021002W, from 515331N 0020649W to 515515N 0020805W.

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

- (a) an instrument approach to Runway 22 or Runway 27 at Gloucestershire Airport while under the control of the Air Traffic Control unit at that airport,
- (b) in the service of the National Police Air Service,
- (c) in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (d) under the control of the Air Traffic Control unit at Cheltenham Heliport.

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

19th January 2017

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Head of Aviation Policy
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, on the occasion of the Cheltenham Festival which is scheduled to take place there from 14th to 17th March 2017. In view of the large numbers of helicopters operating from the temporary heliport at Cheltenham race course, the event organiser has requested measures to restrict flying in the vicinity of the race course. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 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 the same time as Greenwich Mean 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 number 020 7453 6586.