

2017 No. 688

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - *15th June 2017*

Coming into force - - *21st June 2017*

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 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016^(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 21st June 2017.

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 21st June 2017, 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,
- (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. 2016/765.

^(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

15th June 2017

Sarah Bishop
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 21st June 2017. 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 the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

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.

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 number 020 8345 4888 (24 hours).

The times mentioned in this instrument are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.