

2017 No. 790

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Manchester Central Convention Complex) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - *18th July 2017*

Coming into force - - *30th September 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the Manchester Central Convention Complex by reason of the intended holding of the Conservative Party Conference.

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) (Manchester Central Convention Complex) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 30th September 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0500 hours on 30th September 2017 and 1500 hours on 4th October 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 532833N 0021452W.

(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, or departing from Manchester International Airport whilst under the control of the air traffic control units at Manchester International Airport or Prestwick Centre, or
- (d) flying in accordance with the permission of the Inspector of the Greater Manchester Police Service.

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

18th July 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 airspace as specified in regulation 3(1) in the vicinity of Manchester during the Conservative Party Conference that is scheduled to take place there between 30th September 2017 and 4th October 2017, inclusive. In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of all members of Her Majesty's Government, at the request of the security services, the Secretary of State considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of 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.

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 (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(d), Inspector Steve Worth of the Greater Manchester Police Service may be contacted on telephone number 07500 106400.

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

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