

2017 No. 945

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Wales Rally GB)
Regulations 2017**

Made - - - - 25th September 2017

Coming into force - - 27th October 2017

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in certain parts of Wales and England by reason of the expected gathering of a large number of persons and multiple aircraft movements during the Wales Rally GB 2017.

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) (Wales Rally GB) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 27th October 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), within each area specified in column 1 of the Schedule, on each date specified in column 2 and during the corresponding times specified in column 3, no aircraft is to fly below the altitude specified in column 4.

(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 Dyfed-Powys Police,
- (c) operated by or on behalf of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (d) flying with the permission of the Wales Rally GB Helicopter Co-ordinator.

^(a) S.I. 2016/765.

^(b) In these Regulations Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) on 27th and 28th October 2017 and the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on 29th October 2017.

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Area</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Date</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Time</i> <i>(UTC)</i>	<i>Column 4</i> <i>Altitude</i> <i>(above mean sea level)</i>
A. <u>DEESIDE SERVICE AREA</u> A circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 531348N 0030118W	27th, 28th and 29th October 2017	0645 - 1715 hours	2,500 feet
B. <u>HAFREN, SWEET LAMB and MYHERIN</u> A circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles whose centre is at 522630N 0034120W	27th October 2017	0645 – 1715 hours	4,000 feet
C. <u>DYFNANT</u> A circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 524354N 0032954W	28th October 2017	0645 – 1200 hours	4,000 feet
D. <u>GARTHEINIOG and DYFI</u> A circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles whose centre is at 524030N 0034636W	28th October 2017	0645 – 1400 hours	4,500 feet
E. <u>ABERHIRNANT</u> A circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 525142N 0033142W	28th October 2017	0645 – 1100 hours	4,000 feet
F. <u>CHOLMONDLEY CASTLE</u> A circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 530324N 0024106W	28th October 2017	1300 – 1715 hours	2,000 feet
G. <u>BRENIG, ALWEN</u> A circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 530500N 0033154W	29th October 2017	0645 – 1715 hours	4,000 feet

H. <u>GWYDIR</u> A circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical mile whose centre is at 530712N 0034818W	29th October 2017	0645 – 1400 hours	4,000 feet
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying in specified areas of Wales and England for reasons of public and flight safety during the Wales Rally GB 2017. During the rally numerous aircraft (fixed-wing and rotary-wing) will be involved in the filming and onward relay of data for broadcast. In addition, a number of helicopters will be transporting persons involved in the rally to points along the route. To minimise the risk to members of the public attending the event, it is considered that access to the airspace within which aircraft are flying in connection with the Rally should be restricted as part of the overall safety arrangements for this event. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the areas specified in the Schedule during the event for reasons of public safety.

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) on 27th and 28th October 2017 and the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on 29th October 2017.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(d) the Wales Rally GB Helicopter Co-ordinator may be contacted by telephone number 07973 505102.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Airmen (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, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.