

**2018 No. 49**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham Festival) Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - *11th January 2018*

*Coming into force* - - *13th March 2018*

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 gathering of a large number of persons at 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 2018 and come into force on 13th March 2018.

**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 13th March 2018 and ending on 16th March 2018, 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 approach to or departure from Runway 04/22 or Runway 09/27 at Gloucestershire Airport while under the control of the air traffic control unit at that airport,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service,
- (c) operated by or on behalf of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (d) under the control of the air traffic control unit at Cheltenham Heliport.

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

11th January 2018

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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 13th to 16th March 2018 (inclusive). 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 as Greenwich Mean Time.

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.