

2019 No. 1021

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force Benson) Regulations 2019

Made - - - - *11th June 2019*

Coming into force - - *15th August 2019*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Benson, Oxfordshire, by reason of the intended holding of a flying display associated with its Families Day.

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) (Royal Air Force Benson) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 15th August 2019.

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 1200 hours and 1600 hours on 15th August 2019, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 513704N 0010543W.

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

- (a) a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Benson, or
- (b) a permission issued by the Royal Air Force Benson Families Day flying display director.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

11th June 2019

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Department for Transport

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Benson, Oxfordshire, during an air display for families of the personnel serving at that Station that is scheduled to take place there on 15th August 2019. A large number of aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the display and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the display 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 Co-ordinated Universal 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)(b), the Royal Air Force Benson Families Day flying display director may be contacted on telephone number 07881 827279.

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 07917 614249.