

2019 No. 1473

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Watford)
Regulations 2019**

Made - - - - - *19th November 2019*

Coming into force - - - - - *4th December 2019*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Watford, Hertfordshire by reason of the intended holding of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit.

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) (Watford) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 4th December 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 0700 hours and 1700 hours on 4th December 2019, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 10 nautical miles whose centre is at 514041N 0002613W, from 513152N 0001839W to 513612N 0001151W, and
- (b) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513612N 0001151W,
 - (ii) 513611N 0001830W, and
 - (iii) 513152N 0001839W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,

(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 time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (iii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (iv) The Queen's Helicopter Flight,
- (b) making an approach to, or departing from—
 - (i) London Heathrow Airport whilst under the control of either the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,
 - (ii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the control of either the Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt, or
 - (iii) London Luton Airport whilst under the control of either the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Luton Airport, or
- (c) flying with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Air Security Coordinator.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Grade 7

19th November 2019

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Watford, Hertfordshire, during the North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit which will be attended by a large number of Heads of State and other protected persons. In view of the high visibility of the event, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted 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.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), the Metropolitan Police Air Security Coordinator may be contacted at restricted.airspace@met.pnn.police.uk.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 07917 614249.