

2020 No. 39

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham
Festival) Regulations 2020**

Made - - - - *17th January 2020*

Coming into force - - *10th March 2020*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, by reason of the gathering of a large number of people at the Cheltenham Festival 2020.

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 2020 and come into force on 10th March 2020.

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 1000 hours and 2000 hours on each of the four days beginning on 10th March 2020 and ending on 13th March 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 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—

- (a) making 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

(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).

(d) under the control of the air traffic control unit at Cheltenham Heliport.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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17th January 2020

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 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, on the occasion of the Cheltenham Festival which is scheduled to take place there from 10th to 13th March 2020 (inclusive). In view of the large number of helicopters that will operate from the temporary heliport at the Cheltenham race course, the event organiser has requested measures to restrict flying in the vicinity for reasons of public safety. This has been agreed by 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 Co-ordinated Universal 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).

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