

2022 No. 957

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Belfast) Regulations
2022**

Made - - - - *12th September 2022*

Coming into force - - *13th September 2022*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the visit there by His Majesty King Charles III.

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) (Belfast) Regulations 2022 and they come into force on 13th September 2022.

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 0900 hours and 1600 hours on 13th September 2022 no aircraft is to fly below—

- (a) 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 543609N 0055544W, and
- (b) 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 542740N 0060510W.

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

- (a) operating by or on behalf of —
 - (i) the Police Service Northern Ireland,
 - (ii) Northern Ireland Air Ambulance,
 - (iii) A2B Aero Limited,
- (b) making an approach to or departure from Belfast International Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control units at Belfast International Airport or Air Traffic Control Prestwick Centre,

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (c) making an approach to or departing from Belfast City Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control units at Belfast City Airport or Air Traffic Control Prestwick Centre, or
- (d) flying in accordance with the permission of the Police Service Northern Ireland.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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Department for Transport

12th September 2022

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying above Belfast during the visit by His Majesty King Charles III which is scheduled to take place there on 13th September 2022. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport have agreed that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), the Police Service Northern Ireland may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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