

2023 No. 1358

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham) (No. 3)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *12th December 2023*

Coming into force - - *12th March 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of people at the Cheltenham Festival 2024.

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) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 12th March 2024.

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 1015 hours and 2000 hours on each of the four days beginning 12th March 2024 and ending on 15th March 2024 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 whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at that airport,
- (b) flying under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Cheltenham Heliport, or
- (c) operated by or on behalf of the—

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

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

- (i) National Police Air Service, or
- (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

12th December 2023

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire due to the intended holding there of the Cheltenham Festival 2024 from 12th March 2024 to 15th March 2024 (inclusive).

In view of the significant number of helicopters expected to operate from the temporary heliport at Cheltenham racecourse, as well as the large numbers of people expected to attend the festival, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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