

2015 No. 1609

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Manchester)
Regulations 2015**

Made - - - - *11th August 2015*

Coming into force - - *3rd October 2015*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the Manchester Central Convention Complex by reason of the Conservative Party Conference that is scheduled to take place there between 3rd and 7th October 2015.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009^(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Manchester) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 3rd October 2015.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period commencing at 0600 hours on 3rd October and ending at 1500 hours on 7th October 2015, no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 532833N 0021452W.

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

- (a) flying in the service of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) flying in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) making an approach to, or departing from Manchester International Airport whilst under the control of the air traffic control unit at Manchester International Airport or Prestwick Centre, or
- (d) flying in accordance with the permission of Inspector Steve Worth of the Greater Manchester Police Service.

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

11th August 2015

Benjamin Smith
Head of Airports Capacity Policy Division
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Manchester during the Conservative Party Conference that is scheduled to take place between 3rd and 7th October 2015. In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of all members of Her Majesty's Government, at the request of the security services the Secretary of State considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of security.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(d), Inspector Steve Worth of the Greater Manchester Police Service may be contacted on telephone number 07500 106400.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, telephone 020 7453 6586.