

2017 No. 623

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Flypast) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - 26th April 2017

Coming into force - - 17th June 2017

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Southwold, Suffolk, Essex, Greater London, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire by reason of the intended holding of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday.

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) (Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Flypast) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 17th June 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (9), between 1010 hours and 1205 hours and between 1410 hours and 1605 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 10,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 525209N 0022026E,
- (b) 523249N 0025026E,
- (c) 522558N 0024447E,
- (d) 520814N 0020909E,
- (e) 520436N 0015041E,
- (f) 522200N 0012000E, and
- (g) 525209N 0022026E.

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

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

(2) Subject to paragraph (9), between 1130 hours and 1215 hours and between 1530 hours and 1615 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 7,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 521650N 0012910E,
- (b) 521325N 0013513E,
- (c) 515710N 0010319E,
- (d) 520058N 0005809E, and
- (e) 521650N 0012910E.

(3) Subject to paragraph (9), between 1135 hours and 1215 hours and between 1535 hours and 1615 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 515551N 0004820E,
- (b) 520058N 0005809E,
- (c) 515710N 0010319E,
- (d) 515205N 0005331E, and
- (e) 515551N 0004820E.

(4) Subject to paragraph (9), between 1135 hours and 1215 hours and between 1535 hours and 1615 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 515039N 0003538E,
- (b) 515500N 0004643E,
- (c) 515551N 0004820E,
- (d) 515205N 0005331E,
- (e) 515048N 0005103E,
- (f) 514628N 0003949E, and
- (g) 515039N 0003538E.

(5) Subject to paragraph (9), between 1140 hours and 1215 hours and between 1540 hours and 1615 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 513433N 0000433W,
- (b) 515039N 0003538E,
- (c) 514628N 0003949E,
- (d) 513409N 0000826E, and
- (e) 513433N 0000433W.

(6) Subject to paragraph (10), between 1140 hours and 1215 hours and between 1540 hours and 1615 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513611N 0004133W,
 - (ii) 512700N 0004133W,
 - (iii) 512700N 0000826E,
 - (iv) 513409N 0000826E, and
 - (v) 513445N 0001108W,
- (b) the anticlockwise arc of a circle of radius 12 nautical miles whose centre is at 512812N 0002713W between 513445N 0001108W and 513611N 0001253W, and
- (c) a straight line between 513611N 0001253W and 513611N 0004133W.

(7) Subject to paragraph (11), between 1200 hours and 1235 hours and between 1600 hours and 1635 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 515008N 0004230W,
- (b) 513611N 0002353W,
- (c) 513611N 0004133W,
- (d) 514458N 0004602W, and
- (e) 515008N 0004230W.

(8) Subject to paragraph (11), between 1200 hours and 1235 hours and between 1600 hours and 1635 hours on 17th June 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 514834N 0011958W,
- (b) 515008N 0004230W,
- (c) 514458N 0004602W,
- (d) 514349N 0011753W, and
- (e) 514834N 0011958W.

(9) Paragraphs (1) to (5) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) Swanwick Military,
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at Southend Airport, or
 - (iii) the London Terminal Control Centre,
- (b) flying with the permission of the HQ AIR Queen's Birthday Flypast 2017 Project Office, or
- (c) operated by or on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

(10) Paragraph (6) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) 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) London City Airport whilst under the control of either the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London City Airport,
 - (iii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the control of either the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt, or
 - (iv) the London Heliport, Battersea whilst under the control of the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heliport,
- (b) operating with a clearance issued by the London Terminal Control Centre, or
- (c) flying with the permission of the HQ AIR Queen's Birthday Flypast 2017 Project Officer.

(11) Paragraphs (7) and (8) do not apply to any aircraft flying—

- (a) in accordance with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Benson, or
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Brize Norton, or
- (b) with the permission of the HQ AIR Queen's Birthday Flypast 2017 Project Officer.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

26th April 2017

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Southwold, Suffolk, Essex, Greater London, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire by reason of the intended holding of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday on 17th June 2017. As timings for this event are critical and the formation may not be able to take effective avoiding action, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the formation.

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.

Regulation 3, relating to the day of the flypast, creates flying restrictions by reference to two sets of timings. This is to cater for the possibility of a delay for reasons of poor weather or security. If the earlier times are used, the later restrictions will be lifted by means of the necessary clearance or permission.

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

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(9)(b), 3(10)(c) and 3(11)(b), the HQ AIR Queen's Birthday Flypast 2017 Project Officer may be contacted on telephone number 01760 337621, extension 6669.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Airmen (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, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.