

2018 No. 379

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation
Display Teams) Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - - *15th March 2018*

Coming into force - - - *24th May 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Duxford Aerodrome, Cambridgeshire, by reason of the intended holding of a flying display and associated rehearsals there by a jet formation display team.

The Secretary of State makes these 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) (Jet Formation Display Teams) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 24th May 2018.

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 0800 hours and ending at 2000 hours on 24th and 27th May 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 6,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles whose centre is at 520539N 0000753E between 521012N 0001412E and 520409N 0000132W, and
- (b) a straight line joining 520409N 0000132W and 521012N 0001412E.

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

- (a) with the permission of the flying display director at Duxford Aerodrome,
- (b) in accordance with a clearance issued by the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick, or
- (c) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Stansted Airport.

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

15th March 2018

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
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 Duxford Aerodrome, Cambridgeshire, during flying displays and associated rehearsals by the Patrouille de France that are scheduled to be held at the Aerodrome on 24th and 27th May 2018.

In order to protect the display aircraft, other air traffic and spectators, it is considered that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Duxford Aerodrome for reasons of public safety and to protect the display team. Formation aerobatic displays require considerable concentration and skill both from the leader and the other members of the formation. The pilots cannot be expected to make unscheduled violent changes in speed, altitude or direction in order to avoid other conflicting aircraft. Any distraction caused by aircraft conflicting with the flight path of the formation could result in a collision between display aircraft, or between display aircraft and other aircraft in the display area.

Periods between 0800 and 2000 hours on each day falling outside the actual display times will be subject to an exemption applying to all other aircraft complying with a local air traffic control permission. This has been agreed with 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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the flying display director at Duxford Aerodrome may be contacted on telephone number (01223) 833376.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.