

2018 No. 481

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Kensington and
Westminster) Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - *9th April 2018*

Coming into force - - *15th April 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Central London, by reason of a security operation associated with the intended holding of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

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) (Kensington and Westminster) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 15th April 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) between 0600 hours on 15th April 2018 and 1700 hours on 21st April 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded successively by straight lines joining—

- (a) 513057N 0000825W,
- (b) 512944N 0000805W,
- (c) 512935N 0000925W,
- (d) 512942N 0001127W,
- (e) 513034N 0001142W, and
- (f) 513057N 0000825W.

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

- (a) making an approach to, or departing from, London City Airport whilst under the control of—

(a) S.I. 2016/765, 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).

- (i) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick, or
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at London City Airport,
- (b) making an approach to, or departing from, London Heathrow Airport whilst under the control of—
 - (i) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick, or
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,
- (c) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) The Queen’s Helicopter Flight,
 - (iii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (d) operated with the permission of Inspector Heidi Boutcher of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

9th April 2018

Michael Clark
Head of Aviation, Safety and Environment
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 London as part of the security arrangements for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting which is being held at various locations in London. The Metropolitan Police Service considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of London for security reasons during the period from 15th to 21st April 2018 (inclusive) and this has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and 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 the one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(d), Inspector Heidi Boutcher may be contacted through the National Police Air Service Operations Centre on telephone number 01924 296281 (24 hours).

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by 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.