

**2018 No. 495**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Commonwealth  
Heads of Government Meeting) Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - *16th April 2018*

*Coming into force* - - *18th April 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of London, by reason of 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) (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 18th April 2018.

**Interpretation**

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

**Restricted airspace**

3.—a) Subject to paragraph (2) between 0700 and 2200 hours on 18th and 19th April 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded successively by—

- (a) a straight line from 513611N 0002209W to 513611N 0000311W,
- (b) a clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 17 nautical miles centred on 512812N 0002713W, from 513611N 0000311W to 512013N 0000316W,
- (c) a straight line from 512013N 0000316W to 512013N 0001547W, and
- (d) a clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 11 nautical miles centred on 512957N 0000738W, from 512013N 0001547W to 513611N 0002209W.

(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—
  - (i) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick, or

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(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).

- (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) making an approach to, or departing from, Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the control of—
  - (i) the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick, or
  - (ii) the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt,
- (d) operated by or on behalf of—
  - (i) the National Police Air Service
  - (ii) The Queen’s Helicopter Flight, or
  - (iii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (e) making an approach to, or departing from, the London Heliport, Battersea, to the west of a line running true north to true south through 512852N 0001018W (Battersea Bridge) whilst under the control of—
  - (i) the London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
  - (ii) the Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick, or
  - (iii) the London Terminal Control, Swanwick,
- (f) operated with the permission of Inspector Heidi Boucher of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*Dan Micklethwaite*  
 Director of Aviation  
 Department for Transport

16th April 2018

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 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)(f), Inspector Heidi Boucher 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.