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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Albert Hall)
Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - - *9th April 2018*

Coming into force - - - - - *21st April 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the Royal Albert Hall, London, by reason of the intended holding of the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 92nd 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) (Royal Albert Hall) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 21st 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 1700 hours and 2300 hours on 21st April 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 513004N 0001039W.

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

- (a) 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,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service, or
 - (ii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (c) operated with the permission of Inspector Heidi Boucher of the Metropolitan Police Service.

(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).

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Michael Clark

Head of International Aviation, Safety and Environment

Department for Transport

9th April 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of the Royal Albert Hall, London, on 21st April 2018 as part of the security arrangements for the event to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 92nd birthday. The Metropolitan Police Service considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of London for security reasons 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)(c), 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.