

2018 No. 589

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Order of the Thistle Ceremony) Regulations 2018

Made - - - - *9th May 2018*

Coming into force - - *6th July 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Edinburgh by reason of the intended holding of the Order of the Thistle Ceremony at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh.

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) (Order of the Thistle Ceremony) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 6th July 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 0800 hours and 1430 hours on 6th July 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 555704N 0031054W.

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

- (a) making an approach to, or departure from, Edinburgh Airport whilst under the control of Edinburgh Airport Air Traffic Control, or
- (b) flying in accordance with the permission of Police Scotland Air Accidents and Incidents Advisor.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy

(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).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace above Edinburgh during the holding of the Order of the Thistle Ceremony that is scheduled to take place at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on 6th July 2018. The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that, at the request of the Police Scotland, flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

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.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Police Scotland Air Accidents and Incidents Advisor may be contacted on telephone number 07717 720591.

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.