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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Belfast) Regulations
2023**

Made - - - - *6th April 2023*

Coming into force - - *11th April 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended visit there by a Head of State.

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) (Belfast) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 11th April 2023.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations “Flight Level” has the same meaning as defined in Schedule 1 to the Air Navigation Order 2016.

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1900 hours on 11th April 2023 and 2000 hours on 12th April 2023 no aircraft is to fly below Flight Level 105 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 13 nautical miles centred at 543927N 0061257W.

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

(a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by—

- (i) Belfast/Aldergrove International Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Belfast/Aldergrove International Airport,
- (ii) Belfast City Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Belfast City Airport,
- (iii) Prestwick Air Traffic Control Centre, or

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

- (iv) the Police Service of Northern Ireland, or
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Police Service of Northern Ireland,
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (iii) the Air Ambulance Northern Ireland.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

6th April 2023

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Belfast on the occasion of a visit by a Head of State which is due to take place there on 11th April 2023 and 12th April 2023.

As part of the overall security arrangements for the visit, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a)(iv), the Police Service of Northern Ireland may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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