The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Hylands Park, Essex by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons at the V Festival 2017 which is scheduled to take place there.

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) (Hylands Park) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 18th August 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period beginning with 0700 hours on 18th August 2017 and ending at 1300 hours on 21st August 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 514246N 0002557E.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—
   (a) operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service,
   (b) operated by or on behalf of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
   (c) flying in accordance with the permission of Superintendent Steven Ditchburn or Chief Inspector Glen Pavelin of Essex Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

26th April 2017

(a) S.I. 2016/765.
(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 airspace in the vicinity of Hylands Park, Essex, by reason of the V Festival 2017 that is scheduled to take place there from 18th to 21st August 2017. A large gathering of people will attend this event on each day and 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.

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 Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), Superintendant Steven Ditchburn may be contacted on telephone number 07711 597209 and Chief Inspector Glen Pavelin may be contacted on telephone number 07817 455242.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

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