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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Helicopter Flight)
Regulations 2020**

Made - - - - 29th October 2020

Coming into force - - 2nd November 2020

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Greater London, by reason of an intended Helicopter Flight.

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) (Helicopter Flight) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 2nd November 2020.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1100 hours and 1205 hours on 2nd November 2020, no aircraft is to fly below FL60 within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 525216N 0002601E,
- (b) 525034N 0003308E,
- (c) 521105N 0000528E,
- (d) 521105N 0000330W, and
- (e) 525216N 0002601E.

(2) Subject to paragraph (5), between 1100 hours and 1205 hours on 2nd November 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 4,500ft above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 521105N 0000330W,
- (b) 521105N 0000528E,

(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 the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

- (c) 520608N 0000201E,
- (d) 520127N 0000000E,
- (e) 520002N 0000824W,
- (f) 520607N 0000650W, and
- (g) 521105N 0000330W.

(3) Subject to paragraph (6), between 1115 hours and 1220 hours on 2nd November 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500ft above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 520002N 0000824W,
 - (ii) 520127N 0000000E,
 - (iii) 515146N 0000006W,
 - (iv) 514550N 0000316W,
 - (v) 513610N 0001001W,
 - (vi) 513612N 0001803W,
 - (vii) 514830N 0001506W,
 - (viii) 515042N 0000931W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 8 nautical miles whose centre is at 515229N 0002206W, between 515042N 0000931W, and 515607N 0001035W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 515607N 0001035W, and
 - (ii) 520002N 0000824W.

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

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) RAF Marham whilst under the control of the air traffic control unit at RAF Marham,
 - (ii) RAF Lakenheath whilst under the control of the air traffic control unit at RAF Lakenheath, or
 - (iii) Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick.

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

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) RAF Lakenheath whilst under the control of the air traffic control unit at RAF Lakenheath,
 - (ii) Farnborough LARS North, or
- (b) making an approach to, or departing from Cambridge Airport whilst under the control of the air traffic unit at Cambridge Airport.

(6) Paragraph (3) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by Farnborough LARS North,
- (b) making an approach to, or departing from—
 - (i) London Luton Airport whilst under the control of the London Terminal Control Centre Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Luton Airport,
 - (ii) London Stansted Airport whilst under the control of the London Terminal Control Centre Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Stansted Airport, or
 - (iii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the control of either the Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt.

(7) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—

- (a) the National Police Air Service,

- (b) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (c) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

29th October 2020

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Greater London, and by reason of an intended Helicopter Flight. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the flight.

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 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by NOTAM (Notice to Airmen).

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