

2021 No. 301

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde) Regulations 2021

Made - - - - *11th March 2021*

Coming into force - - *14th March 2021*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde by reason of the intended movement of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth.

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 Incited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 14th March 2021.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—a) Subject to paragraph (1), between 0700 hours on 14th March and 2359 hours on 20th March 2021, no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 560641N 0044406W,
 - (ii) 560251N 0044755W,
 - (iii) 560210N 0043959W,
 - (iv) 555450N 0043930W,
 - (v) 555426N 0044957W,
 - (vi) 553938N 0045526W,
 - (vii) 554109N 0050533W,
 - (viii) 555709N 0045939W,

(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)

- (ix) 560332N 0045854W, and
 - (x) 560923N 0045342W,
 - (b) the airspace within the point at 560923N 0045342W to the point at 560641N 0044406W, described by drawing a concave semi-circle counter-clockwise, the centre of which is at 560749N 0044907W and which has a radius of 3 nautical miles, and
 - (c) the airspace within a circle centred on 560749N 0044907W which has a radius of 3 nautical miles.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any manned aircraft flying—
- (a) under a clearance issued by NATS Glasgow Air Traffic Control or NATS Prestwick Air Traffic Control,
 - (b) in the service of Police Scotland,
 - (c) in the service of the Scottish Ambulance Services,
 - (d) in the service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for the purposes of Search and Rescue only, or
 - (e) with the permission of the Senior Officer on duty at the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit located at Glasgow Airport.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7

11th March 2021

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde by reason of the intended movement of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth that is scheduled between 14th March and 20th March 2021 (inclusive). 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.

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 same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(e) the Police Scotland Co-ordinator at Glasgow Airport, may be contacted on telephone number 01786 895840 or by email OSDAviationSafety@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

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