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CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

Made - - - - *12th March 2021*

Coming into force in accordance with regulations 1(2) and 1(3)

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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde) (No. 2) Regulations 2021.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), these Regulations come into force on 15th March 2021.

(3) Regulation 3 (revocation) comes into force at 2300 hours on 13th March 2021.

(4) References to time in these Regulations are to Co-ordinated Universal Time.

Restricted airspace

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 0700 hours on 15th March 2021 and 2359 hours on 21st March 2021, no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area defined in paragraph (2) or the area defined in paragraph (3).

(2) The area defined in this paragraph is 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,

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

- (viii) 555709N 0045939W,
 - (ix) 560332N 0045854W, and
 - (x) 560923N 0045342W, and
- (b) a concave semi-circle drawn counter-clockwise from the point at 560923N 0045342W to the point at 560641N 0044406W, the centre of which is at 560749N 0044907W and which has a radius of 3 nautical miles.
- (3) The area defined in this paragraph is a circle centred on 560749N 0044907W which has a radius of 3 nautical miles.
- (4) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) do 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 Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit located at Glasgow Airport.

Revocation

3. The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde) Regulations 2021(a) are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

12th March 2021

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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 Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde by reason of the intended movement of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth that is scheduled between 15th March and 21st 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.

These Regulations also revoke the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Loch Long and the Firth of Clyde) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/301), which would have imposed similar restrictions from 14th March 2021 to 20th March 2021. This is in consequence of a change in the proposed dates for the movement of the aircraft carrier. In replacing those Regulations, some other minor defects have also been corrected.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 2(4)(e), the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit at Glasgow Airport may be contacted on telephone number 01786 895840 or by emailing OSDAviationSafety@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

(a) S.I. 2021/301.

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

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