STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 425

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2022

 Made
 4th April 2022

 Coming into force
 10th May 2022

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3 by reason of the holding of the State Opening of Parliament.

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) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2022 and they come into force on 10th May 2022.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0800 hours and 1200 hours on 10th May 2022 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 513000N 0000730W.
 - (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—
 - (a) operating by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (b) making an approach to Runway 09 at London City Airport at a height of not less than 1,500 feet above mean sea level and to the east of a line running true north to true south through 513030N 0000514W (London Bridge) whilst under the control of—
 - (i) London City Airport Air Traffic Control, or
 - (ii) London Terminal Control, Swanwick,

⁽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).

- (c) making an approach to or departure from the London Heliport, Battersea to the west of a line running true north to true south through 512852N 0001018W (Battersea Bridge) whilst under the control of—
 - (i) London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
 - (ii) London Terminal Control, Swanwick, or
- (d) flying in accordance with the permission of Inspector Dean Akinola of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best Grade 7 Department for Transport

4th April 2022

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace above central London during the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place there on 10th May 2022. In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, and other VIPs, 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)(d), Inspector Dean Akinola may be contacted on telephone number 07795 267110.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr S J Maxted, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 383216.