

**2023 No. 492**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge)  
Regulations 2023**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>28th April 2023</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>20th June 2023</i>

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons for the Summer and Winter Solstice periods.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016<sup>(a)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 20th June 2023.

**Interpretation**

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

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles centred at 511044N 0014934W between—

- (a) 1600 hours on 20th June 2023 and 1000 hours on 21st June 2023, and
- (b) 2100 hours on 21st December 2023 and 1100 hours on 22nd December 2023.

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

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the—
  - (i) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
  - (ii) National Police Air Service, or
- (b) flying—
  - (i) with the permission of Wiltshire Police,

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

<sup>(b)</sup> Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) in regulation 3(1)(a) and is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in regulation (3)(1)(b).

- (ii) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Ministry of Defence Boscombe Down, or
- (iii) within the airspace notified as the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas if it does so with the permission of the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*  
Grade 7

28th April 2023

Department for Transport

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire during the summer and winter solstice periods when it is anticipated there will be a large gathering of persons there on 20th June 2023 and 21st June 2023 and 21st December 2023 and 22nd December 2023.

At the request of Wiltshire Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Stonehenge during the summer and winter solstice periods 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 regulation 3(1)(a) and is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time in regulation 3(1)(b).

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2), Wiltshire Police may be contacted as notified and the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations may be contacted on 01980 674729.

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.