

2024 No. 497

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (His Majesty the King's Birthday Flypast Rehearsals) Regulations 2024

Made - - - - *11th April 2024*

Coming into force - - *3rd June 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the areas specified in regulation 3 by reason of the intended holding there of rehearsals of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate the birthday of His Majesty the King.

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) (His Majesty the King's Birthday Flypast Rehearsals) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 3rd June 2024.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1000 hours and 1230 hours on 3rd and 4th June 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 10,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 530000N 0023500E,
- (b) 530000N 0031300E,
- (c) 521300N 0023400E,
- (d) 520500N 0015000E,
- (e) 522200N 0012000E, and
- (f) 530000N 0023500E.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1130 hours and 1215 hours on 3rd and 4th June 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 7,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 524111N 0003539E,

(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).

- (b) 522605N 0012753E,
- (c) 522200N 0012000E,
- (d) 523636N 0003222E, and
- (e) 524111N 0003539E.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1135 hours and 1230 hours on 3rd and 4th June 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 531619N 0004034W,
- (b) 531514N 0002624W,
- (c) 530114N 0002114W,
- (d) 524111N 0003539E,
- (e) 523636N 0003222E,
- (f) 530332N 0004246W,
- (g) 531459N 0004230W, and
- (h) 531619N 0004034W.

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply—

- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016(a), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Scampton) (Restricted Zone EG R313) Regulations 2022(b), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(c),
- (b) to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by—
 - (i) 78 Squadron Royal Air Force, Swanwick,
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at—
 - (aa) Norwich Airport,
 - (bb) Royal Air Force Lakenheath, or
 - (cc) Royal Air Force Marham,
 - (iii) Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC), or
 - (iv) the air traffic control units at—
 - (aa) Royal Air Force Barkston Heath,
 - (bb) Royal Air Force Coningsby,
 - (cc) Royal Air Force Cranwell, or
 - (dd) Royal Air Force Waddington,
 whilst under the direction of Lincolnshire TATCC,
- (c) to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (d) to any aircraft operating with the permission of the Royal Air Force King's Birthday Flypast Project Officer.

(a) S.I. 2016/1003.

(b) S.I. 2022/1221, amended by S.I. 2022/1320, S.I. 2023/234, S.I. 2023/852 and S.I. 2023/879.

(c) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

Grade 7

Department for Transport

11th April 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the North Sea adjacent to East Anglia, then a corridor via Royal Air Force Marham Norfolk, to Royal Air Force Cranwell and Royal Air Force Waddington Lincolnshire, where dispersal will occur, for flypast rehearsals for His Majesty the King's Birthday Flypast that are due to take place there on 3rd June 2024 and 4th June 2024.

As timings for the rehearsals are critical and the formation may not be able to take effective avoiding action, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the formation.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1003), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Scampton) (Restricted Zone EG R313) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/1221, amended by S.I. 2022/1320, S.I. 2023/234, S.I. 2023/852 and S.I. 2023/879), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

The times mentioned in regulation 3 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(b)(i), 78 Squadron Royal Air Force, Swanwick may be contacted via telephone numbers 01489 612417 or 01489 612408.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(d), the Royal Air Force King's Birthday Flypast Project Officer may be contacted on telephone number 07771 751710.

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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.