

2012 No. 1176

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Biggin Hill)
Regulations 2012**

Made - - - - - *25th April 2012*
Coming into force - - - *5th May 2012*

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Biggin Hill, Kent, by reason of the intended holding of an air exercise that is scheduled to take place there on 5th May 2012.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Biggin Hill) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 5th May 2012.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1530 hours and 1615 hours on 5th May 2012 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 512531N 0000430W,
- (b) 512507N 0000932E,
- (c) 511707N 0001140E,
- (d) 511458N 0000400W, and
- (e) 512531N 0000430W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1530 hours and 1615 hours on 5th May 2012 no aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 512631N 0000433W,
- (b) 512610N 0000747E,

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

- (c) 512507N 0000932E,
- (d) 512531N 0000430W, and
- (e) 512631N 0000433W.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in the service of the Kent Police,
- (b) flying in the service of the Metropolitan Police Service,
- (c) flying in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (d) flying in accordance with an air traffic control clearance issued by London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military) provided the commander of the aircraft complies with any conditions and instructions issued by that unit,
- (e) flying in accordance with a clearance issue by the Ministry of Defence's United Kingdom Air Surveillance and Control System unit at RAF Boulmer provided the commander of the aircraft complies with any conditions and instructions issued by that unit, or
- (f) making an approach to, or departing from, London Biggin Hill Airport whilst under the control of the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick.

(4) In giving any instruction or permission in relation to the control mentioned in subparagraph (3)(f), the London Terminal Control Centre air traffic controller must have obtained the prior permission of London Air Traffic Control Centre (Military) to do so.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Tim Figures
Head of Aviation Security Division
Department for Transport

25th April 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Biggin Hill, Kent, on the occasion of an air exercise involving a multiplicity of military aircraft types that is scheduled to take place there on 5th May 2012. The Civil Aviation Authority's Safety Regulation Group and Directorate of Airspace Policy, with the agreement of the Department for Transport, consider that flying should be restricted during the air exercise in the vicinity of Biggin Hill for reasons of flight safety.

Full details of the restrictions will be promulgated by NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority can be made to Mr R E J Gratton, DAP Airspace Specialist 6, telephone 020 7453 6586.