

2012 No. 729

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal International
Air Tattoo RAF Fairford) Regulations 2012**

Made - - - - *6th March 2012*

Coming into force - - *4th July 2012*

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire by reason of the intended holding of flying displays that are scheduled to take place during the period from 4th to 9th July 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).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal International Air Tattoo RAF Fairford) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 4th July 2012.

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

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 0700 hours and 1900 hours on each day beginning with 4th July and ending on 8th July 2012 no aircraft is to fly at or above Flight Level 65 but below Flight Level 85 within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514433N 0020502W,
 - (ii) 514733N 0014405W, and
 - (iii) 515006N 0012925W;
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 514513N 0013334W between 515006N 0012925W and 514737N 0012537W;
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514737N 0012537W,
 - (ii) 514834N 0011958W,
 - (iii) 514445N 0011816W,
 - (iv) 513621N 0012737W, and
 - (v) 514124N 0021027W; and
- (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 4.6 nautical miles whose centre is at 514005N 0020322W between 514124N 0021027W and 514433N 0020502W.

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

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), between 0700 hours and 1900 hours on each day beginning with 4th July and ending on 8th July 2012 no aircraft is to fly below Flight Level 65 within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (i) 514124N 0021027W,
- (ii) 513621N 0012737W,
- (iii) 513600N 0012800W,
- (iv) 513500N 0014600W, and
- (v) 513530N 0020341W; and

(b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 4.6 nautical miles whose centre is at 514005N 0020322W between 513530N 0020341W and 514124N 0021027W.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), between 0800 hours and 1600 hours on 9th July 2012 no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (i) 514343N 0015711W,
- (ii) 514410N 0013753W,
- (iii) 513811N 0015652W,
- (iv) 513747N 0015652W, and
- (v) 514343N 0015711W.

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at RAF Brize Norton.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

J Parkinson
Head of Aviation Policy Development
Department for Transport

6th March 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire during the arrival, rehearsals, displays and departure of aircraft participating in the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) 2012, organised by the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust Enterprises and scheduled to take place between 4th and 9th July 2012.

The flying displays will include flypasts and high speed aerobatics by British and foreign military and civil aircraft and it is anticipated that a large number of members of the public will attend as spectators.

In order to provide for the safety of aircraft involved, other aircraft in this extremely busy area and persons on the ground, it is considered that access to the airspace in the vicinity of RAF Fairford during the practices, displays and on the departure day of 9th July 2012 be restricted as provided in *regulation 3*.

In *regulation 3(1)* and *(2)* the heights are expressed in terms of Flight Level. This term is defined in article 255 of the Air Navigation Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/3015).

Full details of the airspace restrictions will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

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