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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force
Topcliffe) Regulations 2014**

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Coming into force - -

11th May 2014

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Topcliffe, North Yorkshire by reason of the intended operation of an unlit and unmarked tethered balloon which is scheduled to take place there during the period from 11th to 16th May 2014.

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) (Royal Air Force Topcliffe) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 11th May 2014.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period commencing with 0600 hours on 11th May and ending at 2259 hours on 16th May 2014, no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 541219N 0012329W.

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

- (a) with the permission of the Flight Control Officer of 2 Signal Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment,
- (b) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at—
 - (i) RAF Leeming, or
 - (ii) RAF Linton-on-Ouse.

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

(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

28th April 2014

Kate Jennings
Head of Aviation Policy Implementation
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions of flying in airspace in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Topcliffe, North Yorkshire by reason of the use of an unlit and unmarked tethered balloon for a military exercise which is scheduled to take place during the period from 11th to 16th May 2014. As the operation presents a potential danger to air traffic, a restriction on flying in the vicinity of RAF Topcliffe has been requested as being appropriate for the duration of the exercise. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which is one hour behind British Summer Time.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Flight Control Officer of 2 Signal Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment may be contacted at RAF Topcliffe Air Traffic Control on telephone 01845 595340 or 07789 746130.

Full details of the restrictions will be promulgated by NOTAM.

Further enquiries can be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Civil Aviation Authority, telephone 020 7453 6586.