

2017 No. 1235

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portsmouth and The Solent) (No. 4) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - *4th December 2017*

Coming into force - - *7th December 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Portsmouth and the Solent by reason of the intended commissioning ceremony of the Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier at Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth.

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) (Portsmouth and The Solent) (No. 4) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 7th December 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), between 0930 hours and 1530 hours on 7th December 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred on 504820N 0010644W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1140 hours and 1220 hours on 7th December 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 504809N 0010952W,

(ii) 503657N 0010907W,

(iii) 503657N 0010000W,

(iv) 504400N 0010000W, and

(v) 504857N 0010344W.

(b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 504820N 0010644W between 504857N 0010344W and 504809N 0010952W.

(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2017/1112. None of the amendments are relevant.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any aircraft flying—
- (a) in the service of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
 - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (iv) the Queen’s Helicopter Flight, or
 - (b) with the permission of Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth, Helicopter Co-ordinator.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

4th December 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Portsmouth Harbour, Hampshire by reason of the intended holding of the commissioning ceremony of the Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier at Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3)(b), the Helicopter Co-ordinator at Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth, may be contacted on telephone number 02392 723805.

The times mentioned in regulation 3 of this instrument are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by NOTAM.

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.