

2017 No. 759

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portrush)
Regulations 2017**

Made - - - - *4th July 2017*

Coming into force - - *2nd September 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Portrush, County Londonderry by reason of the intended holding of the Northern Ireland International Airshow.

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) (Portrush) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 2nd September 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1000 hours and 1700 hours on 2nd and 3rd September 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles whose centre is at 551241N 0063902W.

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

- (a) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at City of Derry Airport, or
- (b) with the permission of the Northern Ireland International Air Show flying display director.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th July 2017

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
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(a) S.I. 2016/765.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace specified in regulation 3(1) in the vicinity of Portrush, County Londonderry, on the occasion of an air show that will be held on 2nd and 3rd September 2017. A large number of aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the display and the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the displays for reasons of public safety.

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.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Northern Ireland International Air Show flying display director may be contacted on telephone number 07748 905309.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Airmen (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.