

2019 No. 1503

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) (No. 2) Regulations 2019

Made - - - - - *16th December 2019*

Coming into force - - - *19th December 2019*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of central London by reason of the holding of the State Opening of Parliament.

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) (State Opening of Parliament) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 19th December 2019.

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 1230 hours on 19th December 2019, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 513030N 0000730W.

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

(a) operated by or on behalf of—

- (i) the National Police Air Service,
- (ii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,

(b) making an approach to Runway 09 at London City Airport at a height of not less than 1,500 feet above mean sea level and to the east of a line running true north to true south through 513030N 0000514W (London Bridge) whilst under the control of—

- (i) London City Airport Air Traffic Control, or
- (ii) London Terminal Control, Swanwick,

^(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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

- (c) making an approach to or departure from the London Heliport, Battersea, to the west of a line running true north to true south through 512852N 0001018W (Battersea Bridge) whilst under the control of—
 - (i) London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
 - (ii) London Terminal Control, Swanwick, or
- (d) flying in accordance with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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16th December 2019

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace above central London specified in regulation 3(1) during the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place there on 19th December 2019. In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, and other VIPs, 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.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(d), the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

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