

**2019 No. 968**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (North Atlantic Treaty Organization 70th Anniversary Flypast, Fairford) Regulations 2019**

*Made* - - - - *23rd May 2019*

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

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Fairford, Gloucestershire, by reason of the intended holding of large formation flypasts of aircraft to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016<sup>(a)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (North Atlantic Treaty Organization 70th Anniversary Flypast, Fairford) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 19th July 2019.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3 the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time<sup>(b)</sup>.

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1240 hours and 1320 hours on 19th and 20th July 2019, no aircraft is to fly below 10,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 521900N 0024500W,
- (b) 521900N 0021830W,
- (c) 521813N 0021130W,
- (d) 521544N 0020755W,
- (e) 521610N 0020000W,
- (f) 515600N 0020000W,

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(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(g) 515600N 0024700W, and

(h) 521900N 0024500W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1300 hours and 1325 hours on 19th and 20th July 2019, no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 515006N 0012925W,

(ii) 514733N 0014405W,

(iii) 514630N 0015200W,

(iv) 515600N 0020000W,

(v) 520500N 0020000W,

(vi) 515600N 0015000W,

(vii) 515557N 0012220W,

(viii) 514809N 0012228W,

(ix) 514737N 0012537W, and

(b) the anticlockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 514513N 0013334W between 514737N 0012537W and 515006N 0012925W.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any aircraft flying—

(a) with a clearance issued by Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick,

(b) with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Brize Norton, or

(c) with the permission of the NATO 70th Anniversary Flypast Project Officer.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*

Grade 7

23rd May 2019

Department for Transport

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire on 19th and 20th July 2019, by reason of the intended holding of large formation flypasts of aircraft to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). As timings for this event are critical and the formation may not be able to take effective avoiding action, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the formation.

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 are Co-ordinated Universal 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(3)(c), the NATO 70th Anniversary Flypast Project Officer may be contacted on telephone number 07585 961699.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) or Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

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