

2023 No. 1019

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2023

Made - - - - *18th September 2023*

Coming into force - - *7th November 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the holding there 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) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 7th November 2023.

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 0900 hours and 1300 hours on 7th November 2023 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 mile centred at 512959N 0000731W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004(c), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005(d), or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017(e),
- (b) to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
(c) S.I. 2004/2092.
(d) S.I. 2005/964.
(e) S.I. 2017/1300.

- (c) to any aircraft—
- (i) 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 direction of London City Airport Air Traffic Control or London Terminal Control, Swanwick,
 - (ii) 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 direction of London Heliport Air Traffic Control or London Terminal Control, Swanwick, or
 - (iii) flying in accordance with the permission of Inspector Dean Akinola of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7

18th September 2023

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying above Central London during the State Opening of Parliament which is due to take place there on 7th November 2023.

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.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2092), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/964), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1300).

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), Inspector Dean Akinola of the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted on telephone number 07721 621901.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.