
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015

PART 17

Aircraft in flight

Balloons

- 94.**—(1) This article applies to and in relation to balloons within the Isle of Man.
- (2) A balloon in captive or tethered flight must not be flown within 60 metres of a vessel, vehicle or structure except with the permission of the person in charge of the vessel, vehicle or structure.
- (3) Except with the permission of the Department—
- (a) a balloon in captive flight must not be flown within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome during the notified operating hours of the aerodrome; and
 - (b) a balloon in captive or tethered flight must not be flown at a height measured to the top of the balloon of more than 60 metres above ground level.
- (4) Except with the permission of the Department, an uncontrollable balloon in captive or released flight must not be flown in airspace notified for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (5) Except during the day and in Visual Meteorological Conditions, a controllable balloon must not be flown in free controlled flight—
- (a) within airspace notified for the purposes of this paragraph; or
 - (b) within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome during the notified operating hours of the aerodrome.
- (6) Except with the permission of the appropriate air traffic control unit, a controllable balloon must not be flown in tethered flight—
- (a) within airspace notified for the purposes of this paragraph; or
 - (b) within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome.
- (7) When in captive flight, a balloon must be securely moored and must not be left unattended unless it is fitted with a device that ensures its automatic deflation if it breaks free of its moorings.
- (8) A person must not cause or permit—
- (a) a group of small balloons of more than 1000 in number to be simultaneously released at a single site wholly or partly within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome during the notified operating hours of the aerodrome unless that person has given to the Department at least 28 days previous notice in writing of the release;
 - (b) a group of small balloons of more than 2000 but not more than 10,000 in number to be simultaneously released at a single site—
 - (i) within airspace notified for the purposes of this sub-paragraph; or
 - (ii) within the aerodrome traffic zone of a notified aerodrome during the notified operating hours of the aerodrome,

except with the permission of the Department; and

- (c) a group of small balloons greater than 10,000 in number to be simultaneously released at a single site except with the permission of the Department.
- (9) In this article—
- (a) “day” means the time from half an hour before sunrise until half an hour after sunset (both times exclusive), sunset and sunrise being determined at surface level; and
 - (b) “simultaneously released at a single site” means the release of a specified number of balloons during a period of not more than 15 minutes from within an area not more than 1 km square.