

2012 No. 72

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham Festival) Regulations 2012

Made - - - - *10th January 2012*
Coming into force - - *13th March 2012*

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire by reason of the Cheltenham Festival that is scheduled to take place during the period from 13th to 16th March 2012.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham Festival) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 13th March 2012.

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) between 1000 hours and 2000 hours on each day beginning with 13th March and ending on 16th March 2012, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded successively by—

- (a) a clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles centred on 515533N 0020316W, from 515515N 0020805W to 515331N 0020649W and;
- (b) an anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred on 515339N 0021002W, from 515331N 0020649W to 515515N 0020805W.

4. Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying—

- (a) in the service of the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire Constabulary;
- (b) an instrument approach to Runway 22 or Runway 27 at Gloucestershire Airport while under the control of the Air Traffic Control unit at that airport;
- (c) in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services; or
- (d) with the permission of the Air Traffic Control unit at Cheltenham Heliport.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

J Parkinson
Head of Aviation Policy Development
Department for Transport

10th January 2012

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Cheltenham Festival is scheduled to take place from 13th to 16th March 2012. In view of the large numbers of helicopters operating from the temporary heliport at Cheltenham race course, the event organiser has requested measures to restrict flying in the vicinity of the race course. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority, Directorate of Airspace Policy (DAP).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority can be made of Mr R E J Gratton, DAP Airspace Specialist 6, telephone 020 7453 6586.