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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 870**

**The Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015**

**PART 17**

**Aircraft in flight**

**Power to prohibit or restrict flying**

**92.**—(1) If the Department decides that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict or prohibit flying by reason of—

- (a) the intended gathering or movement of a large number of persons;
- (b) the intended holding of an aircraft race or contest or of a flying display; or
- (c) national defence or any other reason affecting the public interest,

the Department may make regulations prohibiting, restricting or imposing conditions on flights by aircraft specified in paragraph (2) flying in the circumstances specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The aircraft and circumstances are—

- (a) aircraft, whether or not they are registered in the Isle of Man, in airspace over the Isle of Man or in the neighbourhood of an offshore installation; and
- (b) aircraft that are registered in the Isle of Man, in any other airspace, being airspace for which the Isle of Man has, under international arrangements, undertaken to provide navigation services for aircraft.

(3) Regulations made under this article may apply either generally or in relation to any class of aircraft.

(4) It is an offence to contravene, permit the contravention of or fail to comply with regulations made under this article.

(5) If the commander of an aircraft becomes aware that the aircraft is flying in contravention of any regulations that have been made for a reason referred to in paragraph (1)(c), the commander must, unless otherwise instructed under paragraph (6), cause the aircraft to leave the area to which the regulations relate by flying to the least possible extent over the area and the aircraft must not begin to descend while over such an area.

(6) The commander of an aircraft flying either within an area for which regulations have been made for a reason referred to in paragraph (1)(c) or within airspace notified as a Danger Area must immediately comply with instructions given by radio by the appropriate air traffic control unit or by, or on behalf of, the person responsible for safety within the relevant airspace.