
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 765

The Air Navigation Order 2016

PART 8

[^{F1}Aerodromes, lighting and en-route obstacles]

CHAPTER 1

Aerodromes, aeronautical lights and dangerous lights

Powers of aerodrome firefighters in an emergency

217.—(1) A member of the Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at a national licensed aerodrome or [^{F1}a] certified aerodrome may do anything on the aerodrome the member reasonably believes to be necessary—

- (a) if the member reasonably believes a fire to have broken out or to be about to break out, for the purpose of extinguishing or preventing the fire or protecting life or property;
- (b) if the member reasonably believes an aircraft accident or incident to have occurred, for the purpose of rescuing people or protecting them from serious harm; or
- (c) for the purpose of preventing or limiting damage to property resulting from any action taken as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b).

(2) In particular, a member of the Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at a national licensed aerodrome or [^{F1}a] certified aerodrome, when acting in accordance with paragraph (1), may on the aerodrome—

- (a) enter an aircraft, by force if necessary, without the consent of the owner or operator;
- (b) restrict the access of persons to an aircraft, premises or a place.

(3) A person who without reasonable excuse obstructs or interferes with a member of the Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at a national licensed aerodrome or [^{F1}a] certified aerodrome taking action authorised under this article commits an offence.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in [art. 217](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Aviation Safety \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/645\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 56](#) (with [Sch. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1098](#), regs. 1(3), 12); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Air Navigation Order 2016, Section 217.