

**2017 No. 1236**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge) (No. 2)  
Regulations 2017**

*Made* - - - - *4th December 2017*

*Coming into force* - - *21st December 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire, by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons there on 21st and 22nd December 2017.

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) (Stonehenge) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 21st December 2017.

**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 2100 hours on 21st December and 1100 hours on 22nd December 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 511044N 0014934W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service,
- (c) flying with the permission of the Chief Officer of Police for the Wiltshire Constabulary,
- (d) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Boscombe Down, or
- (e) flying within the airspace notified as the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas if it does so with the permission of the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations(c).

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

(c) Salisbury Plain Operations is an air operations unit which provides a Range Safety Service by issuing permissions to aircraft to operate within the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th December 2017

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire during the winter solstice period with which it is anticipated there will be a gathering of a large number of persons on 21st and 22nd December 2017. For security and public safety reasons, the Wiltshire Constabulary has requested the Secretary of State to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge during this period. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

In relation to regulation 3, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time.

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Chief Officer of Police for the Wiltshire Constabulary may be contacted on telephone number 01380 734047 and the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations on telephone number 01980 674729.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.