

2017 No. 792

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Southport)
Regulations 2017**

Made - - - - *18th July 2017*

Coming into force - - *15th September 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Southport, Merseyside, by reason of the intended holding of flying displays that are scheduled to take place there at the Southport Airshow.

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) (Southport) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 15th September 2017.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(2) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.3 nautical miles whose centre is at 533921N 0030117W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) between 1100 hours and 1930 hours on 15th September 2017, and
- (b) between 1000 hours and 1730 hours on 16th and 17th September 2017.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying with the permission of the Southport Airshow flying display director.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

18th July 2017

Sarah Bishop
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace specified in regulation 3(1) in the vicinity of Southport, Merseyside during flying displays and associated rehearsals for the Southport Airshow that is scheduled to take place there on 15th, 16th and 17th September 2017. A large number of aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during these events and the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of these events for reasons of public safety.

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(2) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the authority mentioned in regulation 3(3), the Southport Airshow flying display director may be contacted on telephone number 07711 437499.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.