

2020 No. 393

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day 75
Rehearsal) Regulations 2020**

Made - - - - *31st March 2020*

Coming into force - - *4th May 2020*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk by reason of the intended holding of rehearsals of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate the VE Day 75 celebrations.

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) (VE Day 75 Rehearsal) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 4th May 2020.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1010 hours and 1200 hours on each day beginning with 4th May 2020 and ending on 6th May 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 10,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 525209N 0022026E,
- (b) 523249N 0025026E,
- (c) 522558N 0024447E,
- (d) 520814N 0020909E,
- (e) 520436N 0015041E,
- (f) 522200N 0012000E, and
- (g) 525209N 0022026E.

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1135 hours and 1205 hours on each day beginning with 4th May 2020 and ending on 6th May 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 7,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 524111N 0003539E,
- (b) 522620N 0012700E,
- (c) 522252N 0012010E,
- (d) 523636N 0003222E, and
- (e) 524111N 0003539E.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1135 hours and 1215 hours on each day beginning with 4th May 2020 and ending on 6th May 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 531514N 0002624W,
 - (ii) 530114N 0002114W,
 - (iii) 524111N 0003539E,
 - (iv) 523636N 0003222E,
 - (v) 530332N 0004246W,
 - (vi) 531459N 0004230W,
 - (vii) 531619N 0004034W, and
- (b) the anticlockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles whose centre is at 531828N 0003303W between 531619N 0004034W and 531514N 0002624W.

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick,
 - (ii) the air traffic control units at—
 - (aa) Royal Air Force Marham,
 - (bb) Royal Air Force Waddington, or
 - (cc) Royal Air Force Cranwell,
- (b) flying with the permission of the HQ AIR VE75 Project Office, or
- (c) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

31st March 2020

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk by reason of the intended holding there of rehearsals by a large formation of aircraft practicing for the VE Day 75 celebrations. As timings for these rehearsals are critical and the formation may not be able to take effective avoiding action, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest for flying to be

restricted in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the formation.

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

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(b), the HQ AIR VE75 Project Officer may be contacted on telephone number 07870 390860.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr C W Scott, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382997.