

2022 No. 731

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Topcliffe)
Regulations 2022**

Made - - - - *29th June 2022*

Coming into force - - *4th September 2022*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended operation of an unlit and unmarked tethered balloon which is scheduled to take place there.

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) (Topcliffe) Regulations 2022 and they come into force on 4th September 2022.

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 0700 hours on 4th September 2022 and 1700 hours on 16th September 2022 no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 541219N 0012329W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by—

- (a) the Flight Control Officer, 2 Signal Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment, or
- (b) the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Leeming.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

29th June 2022

David J Best
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Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) 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 vicinity of Topcliffe, North Yorkshire because of the intended use there of an unlit and unmarked tethered balloon for a military exercise which is scheduled to take place during the period 4th September to 16th September 2022, inclusive. As the operation does not allow the balloon or its tether to be lit or marked, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Topcliffe on the grounds of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Flight Control Officer, 2 Signal Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment may be contacted as notified.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr S J Maxted, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 383216.