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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Helicopter Flight)
(No. 3) Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - - *22nd February 2023*

Coming into force - - - - - *7th March 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of two intended helicopter flights.

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) (Helicopter Flight) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 7th March 2023.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), between 1025 hours and 1140 hours and between 1255 hours and 1410 hours on 7th March 2023 no aircraft is to fly below the base of controlled airspace within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513708N 0000755E,
 - (ii) 514605N 0002608E, and
 - (iii) 515431N 0005126E,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 515225N 0005337E between 515431N 0005126E and 515020N 0005550E,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 515020N 0005550E,
 - (ii) 514153N 0003026E, and
 - (iii) 513302N 0001231E, and

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

(d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 513504N 0001013E between 513302N 0001231E and 513708N 000755E.

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

- (a) the Heathrow or Thames Radar air traffic control units at the London Terminal Control Centre Swanwick,
- (b) Farnborough Lower Airspace Radar Service North, or
- (c) Southend Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Southend Airport.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—

- (a) the National Police Air Service,
- (b) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
- (c) The Kings Helicopter Flight, or
- (d) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

22nd February 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of London and Essex, by reason of two intended helicopter flights which are scheduled to take place there on 7th March 2023. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the flights.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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