

2023 No. 771

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stansted and Central London) Regulations 2023

Made - - - - 7th July 2023

Coming into force - - 9th July 2023

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of aircraft in the areas specified in regulation 3 by reason of the intended visit there by a Head of State.

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) (Stansted and Central London) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 9th July 2023.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1900 hours and 2300 hours on 9th July 2023 and between 1200 hours and 1600 hours on 10th July 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a straight line joining the following points—
 - (i) 515416N 0002653E, and
 - (ii) 514508N 0001309E,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 8 nautical miles centred at 515306N 0001406E from 514508N 0001309E to 515155N 0000120E,
- (c) a straight line joining the following points—
 - (i) 515155N 0000120E, and
 - (ii) 520104N 0001503E, and
- (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 8 nautical miles centred at 515306N 0001406E from 520104N 0001503E to 515416N 0002653E.

(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).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), between 1900 hours and 2300 hours on 9th July 2023 and between 1200 hours and 1600 hours on 10th July 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514508N 0001309E,
 - (ii) 514055N 0000652E, and
 - (iii) 513232N 0000055W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 17 nautical miles centred at 512812N 0002713W from 513232N 0000055W to 513611N 0000311W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513611N 0000311W,
 - (ii) 513611N 0001830W,
 - (iii) 515101N 0000025W,
 - (iv) 515146N 0000006W,
 - (v) 515155N 0000120E, and
- (d) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of radius 8 nautical miles centred at 515306N 0001406E from 515155N 0000120E to 514508N 0001309E.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) making an approach to or departure from London Stansted Airport whilst under the direction of London Terminal Control at Swanwick,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (c) operating with a permission from—
 - (i) the Metropolitan Police Service, or
 - (ii) Farnborough Lower Airspace Service North.

(4) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), between 1900 hours on 9th July 2023 and 1600 hours on 10th July 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a straight line joining the following points—
 - (i) 513611N 0001830W, and
 - (ii) 513611N 0000311W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 17 nautical miles centred at 512812N 0002713W from 513611N 0000311W to 512013N 0000316W, and
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 512013N 0000316W,
 - (ii) 512014N 0001902W, and
 - (iii) 513611N 0001830W.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), between 0900 hours and 1600 hours on 10th July 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a straight line joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513611N 0004133W,
 - (ii) 513611N 0001830W,
 - (iii) 512733N 0001847W, and

- (iv) 512742N 0002650W,
 - (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles centred at 512902N 0003611W from 512742N 0002650W to 512302N 0003619W,
 - (c) a straight line joining the following points—
 - (i) 512302N 0003619W, and
 - (ii) 512302N 0004429W, and
 - (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 12 nautical miles centred at 512812N 0002713W from 512302N 0004429W to 513611N 0004133W.
- (6) Paragraphs (4) and (5) do not apply to any aircraft—
- (a) making an approach to or departure from—
 - (i) London City Airport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London City Airport,
 - (ii) London Heathrow Airport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,
 - (iii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the direction of either 78 Squadron Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt, or
 - (iv) London Heliport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heliport,
 - (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (iii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iv) King’s Helicopter Flight, or
 - (c) flying with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service.

(7) Paragraphs (4) and (5) do not apply insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Isle of Dogs) Regulations 2004(a), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004(b), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005(c), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017(d), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) Regulations 2021(e).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Grade 7

7th July 2023

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying in the vicinity of London Stansted Airport, within a corridor between London Stansted Airport and London, and in Central London on the occasion of a visit by a Head of State which is due to take place on 9th July 2023 and 10th July 2023.

(a) S.I. 2004/2091.
 (b) S.I. 2004/2092.
 (c) S.I. 2005/964.
 (d) S.I. 2017/1300.
 (e) S.I. 2021/1137.

As part of the overall security arrangements for the visit, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest that flying should be restricted in the relevant areas for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Isle of Dogs) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2091), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2092), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/964), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1300), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/1137).

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

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(3) and 3(6), the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted as notified.

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

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