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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Castle of Mey)
Regulations 2024**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>11th July 2024</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>18th July 2024</i>

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 increased security of the Royal residence that is located 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) (Castle of Mey) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 18th July 2024.

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 2301 hours on 18th July 2024 and 2259 hours on 16th August 2024, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 583849N 0031329W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the—
 - (i) Police Scotland Royalty and VIP Planning North Unit, or
 - (ii) Metropolitan Police, Royalty and Specialist Protection,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) Police Scotland,
 - (ii) the Kings Helicopter Flight,
 - (iii) a member of the Royal Family,
 - (iv) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or

(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).

- (v) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for the purpose of Search and Rescue only, or
- (c) landing in the grounds of Castle of Mey at the invitation of the person in charge of the household there, with the prior notification provided to the Units detailed in paragraph (2)(a).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

11th July 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Castle of Mey, Thurso, Highlands due to the intended increased security of the Royal residence that is located there from 18th July to 16th August 2024, inclusive.

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 permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Police Scotland Royalty and VIP Planning North Unit and the Metropolitan Police, Royalty and Specialist Protection may be contacted as notified.

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

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