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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation
Display Teams) Regulations 2015**

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The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the places specified in column 1 of the Table in the Schedule by reason of the intended holding of flying display rehearsals at those locations by a jet formation display team.

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation Display Teams) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 5th March 2015.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0800 hours and 2000 hours no aircraft is to fly at the places specified in Column 1 of the Table in the Schedule within the area specified for each such place and bounded by a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles whose centre is at the point specified in Column 2 of the Table, below the altitude and on the day specified, respectively, in Columns 3 and 4 of the Table.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying within controlled airspace or within an aerodrome traffic zone in respect of which there is an appropriate air traffic control unit(c) if it flies in accordance with a clearance or permission of the unit controlling that airspace or zone.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) For the purpose of these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
(c) "Air traffic control unit" is defined in article 255(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2009.

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Table

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Place	Area (Centre of Circle)	Altitude (Above mean sea level)	Date
Coningsby	530530N 0001031W	8,100 feet	5 March 2015
Linton-on-Ouse	540255N 0011517W	8,100 feet	6 March 2015
Digby	530557N 0002632W	8,200 feet	10 March 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the locations and airspace specified in the Schedule during flying display rehearsals by the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, The Red Arrows, which are due to take place during the period between 5th and 10th March 2015 at the places mentioned in the Table in the Schedule.

Restricted Airspace (Temporary) is proposed for the relevant sites in the UK for reasons of public safety and to protect The Red Arrows display team. Formation aerobatic rehearsals require great concentration and skill both from the leader and the other members of the formation. The pilots cannot be expected to make unscheduled violent changes in speed, altitude or direction in order to avoid other conflicting aircraft. Any distraction caused by aircraft conflicting with the flight path of the formation could result in a collision between display aircraft, or between display aircraft and other aircraft that had entered the display area.

In order to protect the display aircraft and other air traffic, it is considered that access by other aircraft to the airspace within which the display team will rehearse should be restricted. The Regulations contain details of the location and area of the rehearsals. Details will be published by NOTAM; periods on each particular day outside the actual rehearsal times will be subject to an exemption applying to all other aircraft.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time.

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