

**2016 No. 846**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Scottish Highlands)  
Regulations 2016**

*Made* - - - - *18th August 2016*

*Coming into force* - - *5th September 2016*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area of the Scottish Highlands by reason of intended military aircraft operations in which aircraft will be flying in instrument meteorological conditions whilst following terrain by radar.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009<sup>(a)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Scottish Highlands) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 5th September 2016.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time<sup>(b)</sup>.

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), during the periods and hours specified in columns 1 and 2 of Table 1 respectively no aircraft may fly at the altitudes specified in Column 3 of that Table in the locations specified in column 4 of that Table.

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(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

**Table 1**

<i>Periods</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Altitude</i>	<i>Location</i>
Commencing on 5 September 2016 and ending on 10 September, and  Commencing on 12 September and ending on 16 September 2016	Between 1500 hours and 2300 hours	Below 5,000 feet above mean sea level	the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—  (a) 583000N 0033902W, (b) 582828N 0033815W, (c) 582356N 0032847W, (d) 580345N 0041248W. (e) 580300N 0043000W, (f) 580000N 0043700W, (g) 574700N 0042500W, (h) 573900N 0043000W, (i) 573800N 0044500W, (j) 573000N 0043800W, (k) 571800N 0045200W, (l) 571100N 0045300W, (m) 570900N 0050000W, (n) 570000N 0050200W, (o) 565400N 0050500W, (p) 565600N 0054700W, (q) 571300N 0053500W, (r) 575000N 0054300W, (s) 580000N 0051500W, (t) 583000N 0044900W, (u) 583000N 0043000W, (v) 582500N 0043000W, (w) 583000N 0042000W, and (x) 583000N 0033902W.
Commencing on 5 September 2016 and ending on 10 September, and  Commencing on 12 September and ending on 16 September 2016	Between 1500 hours and 2300 hours	Between 750 feet above mean sea level and 5,000 feet above mean sea level	the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—  (a) 575000N 0054300W, (b) 574004N 0054050W, (c) 573840N 0055739W, (d) 570000N 0055644W, (e) 570000N 0061504W, (f) 574715N 0061637W, and (g) 575000N 0054300W.
Commencing on 5 September 2016 and	Between 1500 hours and 2300 hours	Below 2,000 feet above	the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

ending on 10 September, and Commencing on 12 September and ending on 16 September 2016		mean sea level	(a) 582218N 0033224W, (b) 581434N 0031929W, (c) 581121N 0032654W, (d) 581900N 0033940W, and (e) 582218N 0033224W.
Commencing on 5 September 2016 and ending on 10 September, and Commencing on 12 September and ending on 16 September 2016	Between 1500 hours and 2300 hours	Below 2,000 feet above mean sea level	the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points— (a) 574900N 0040606W, (b) 574500N 0040254W, (c) 574234N 0041056W, (d) 573900N 0043000W, (e) 574700N 0042500W, and (f) 574900N 0040606W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Low Flying Booking Cell Supervisor, RAF Wittering.

(3) The restrictions set out in rows 4 and 5 of Table 1 do not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Range Control Officer at Tain Range.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

18th August 2016

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Department for Transport

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the area of the Scottish Highlands by reason of intended military aircraft operations in which aircraft will be flying in instrument meteorological conditions whilst following terrain by radar. The operations will take place each day commencing on 5th September 2016 and ending on 10th September and again commencing on 12th September and ending on 16th September 2016. As participating aircraft will be unable to take effective avoiding action, it is considered appropriate to establish restrictions on flying in the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may compromise safety. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time.

In relation to the authority mentioned in regulation 3(2), the Low Flying Booking Cell Supervisor, RAF Wittering may be contacted on telephone number 01780 416001.

In relation to the authority mentioned in regulation 3(3), the Range Control Officer at Tain Range may be contacted on telephone number 01862 892185.

Full details of the restrictions will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries can be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Civil Aviation Authority, telephone number 020 7453 6586.