

2017 No. 838

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portsmouth and the Solent) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - - *15th August 2017*

Coming into force - - - - - *16th August 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Portsmouth and the Solent by reason of the intended arrival into Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth of the Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier.

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) (Portsmouth and the Solent) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 16th August 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 0400 hours and 0700 hours on 16th August 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 505105N 0011200W,
- (b) 505105N 0005620W,
- (c) 503535N 0005307W,
- (d) 503535N 0010400W,
- (e) 504200N 0010400W,
- (f) 504400N 0011200W, and
- (g) 505105N 0011200W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), between 0530 hours and 0700 hours on 16th August 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

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

- (a) 503535N 0005307W,
- (b) 502000N 0005000W,
- (c) 502000N 0011200W,
- (d) 504400N 0011200W,
- (e) 504200N 0010400W,
- (f) 503535N 0010400W, and
- (g) 503535N 0005307W.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), between 0700 hours and 1200 hours on 16th August 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded a circle having a radius on 2.5 nautical miles centred on 504820N, 0010644W

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2) do not apply to any aircraft flying—

- (a) in the service of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) in the service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
- (d) with the permission of Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth, Helicopter Co-ordinator,
or
- (e) with the permission of the Air Co-ordination Team.

(5) Paragraph (3) does not apply to any aircraft flying—

- (a) in the service of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) in the service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (d) with the permission of Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth, Helicopter Co-ordinator.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Sandra Dewhurst
Head of Aviation Security Policy and Strategy
Department for Transport

15th August 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Portsmouth and the Solent by reason of the intended arrival into Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth of the Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier that is scheduled to take place on 16th August 2017. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(d) and 3(5)(d), the Helicopter Co-ordinator at Her Majesty’s Naval Base Portsmouth, may be contacted on telephone number 02392 723805.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(e), the Air Co-ordination Team may be contacted on telephone numbers 02392 725534 or 07765 526344.

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

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by NOTAM.

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.