

2017 No. 894

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Forth Road Bridge,
Edinburgh) Regulations 2017**

Made - - - - 25th August 2017

Coming into force - - 28th August 2017

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the Forth Road Bridges, Edinburgh, by reason of events associated with the intended opening of the new river crossing which will be attended by a number of important persons and a large number of members of the public.

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) (Forth Road Bridge, Edinburgh) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 28th August 2017.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 5,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 560148N 0032810W,
- (b) 560148N 0032100W,
- (c) 555852N 0032100W,
- (d) 555852N 0032810W, and
- (e) 560148N 0032810W.

(2) The periods referred to are—

- (a) between 1800 hours and 2330 hours on 28th August 2017,
- (b) between 0700 hours and 1930 hours on 2nd and 3rd September 2017, and

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

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

- (c) between 0700 hours and 1300 hours on 4th September 2017.
- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—
- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the service of Police Scotland,
 - (ii) the service of the Scottish Air Ambulance Service, or
 - (iii) the service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (b) making an approach to, or departure from, Edinburgh Airport whilst under the control of Edinburgh Airport Air Traffic Control, or
 - (c) flying in accordance with the permission of the Police Scotland Air Accidents and Incidents Advisor.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

25th August 2017

Tim May
Deputy Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of the Forth Road Bridge crossings for a number of ceremonial events relating to the opening of the new crossing. The events will be attended by a number of important persons and a large number of members of the public. 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.

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.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purposes of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3)(e), the Police Scotland Air Accidents and Incidents Advisor may be contacted on telephone numbers 07717 720591 and 07876 651567.

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.