

2023 No. 457

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ascot) Regulations
2023**

Made - - - - 21st April 2023

Coming into force - - 20th June 2023

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 the intended gathering there of a large number of persons at the Royal Ascot 2023 horse racing event.

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) (Ascot) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 20th June 2023.

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 0900 hours and 1900 hours on each of the five days beginning on 20th June 2023 and ending on 24th June 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 512515N 0003934W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by—

- (a) the air traffic control unit at Ascot Heliport, or
- (b) the air traffic control unit at London Terminal Control, Swanwick.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

21st April 2023

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(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).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Ascot Racecourse by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons at the Royal Ascot 2023 horse racing event on the five days between 20th June 2023 and 24th June 2023 (inclusive).

The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

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), the air traffic control units at Ascot Heliport and the London Terminal Control, Swanwick 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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