

**2024 No. 311**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Headcorn)  
Regulations 2024**

*Made* - - - - *6th March 2024*  
*Coming into force* - - *5th July 2024*

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 holding there of flying displays.

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) (Headcorn) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 5th July 2024.

**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 1100 hours and 1700 hours on each of the three days beginning on 5th July 2024 and ending on 7th July 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3.5 nautical miles centred at 510927N 0003827E.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the—
  - (i) National Police Air Service,
  - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
  - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
- (b) flying with the permission of the Headcorn Airshow flying display director, or
- (c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(c).

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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).  
(c) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*

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Department for Transport

6th March 2024

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Headcorn Aerodrome, Kent during flying displays for the public that are due to take place there between 5th July 2024 and 7th July 2024 (inclusive).

Many aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the displays and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the displays for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

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 permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Headcorn Airshow flying display director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382734.