

2024 No. 787

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Topcliffe, North
Yorkshire) Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - - *8th July 2024*

Coming into force - - - *31st August 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, by reason of the intended military exercise in the area.

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) (Topcliffe, North Yorkshire) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 31st August 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 0700 hours on 31st August 2024 and 1600 hours on 15th September 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 541219N 0012329W.

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

- (a) Flight Control Officer at Royal Air Force Topcliffe, or
- (b) air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Leeming.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th July 2024

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Department for Transport

(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 Topcliffe, North Yorkshire because of the intended use of an unlit and unmarked tethered balloon for a military exercise which is due to take place there from 31st August to 15th September 2024, inclusive.

As the exercise does not allow the balloon or its tether to be lit or marked, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Topcliffe 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 Flight Control Officer at Royal Air Force Topcliffe and the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Leeming 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 03301 382734.