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CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation Display Teams) (No. 2) Regulations 2012

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The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the places specified in column 1 of the Schedule by reason of the intended holding of flying display rehearsals by a jet formation display team.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation Display Teams) (No. 2) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 21st May 2012.
 - **2.** In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.
- 3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period between 1100 hours and 1700 hours in relation to the places specified respectively in column 1 of the Schedule, no aircraft is to fly within the corresponding area bounded by a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles whose centre is at the point specified in column 2, below the altitude and on the day specified respectively in columns 3 and 4.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying within controlled airspace or within an aerodrome traffic zone in respect of which there is an appropriate air traffic control unit if it flies in accordance with the clearance or permission of the appropriate controlling authority for that airspace or zone.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

J Parkinson
Head of Aviation Policy Development
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16th February 2012

⁽a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Place	Area (Centre of Circle)	Altitude (Above Mean Sea Level)	Date
Coningsby Church Fenton Kirton in Lindsey Valley Donna Nook	530532N 0001012W 535006N 0011147W 532745N 0003435W 531511N 0043220W 532831N 0000914E	8,100 Feet 8,100 Feet 8,200 Feet 8,100 Feet 8,000 Feet	21 May 2012 22 May 2012 23 May 2012 25 May 2012 28 May 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the places and airspace specified in the Schedule during flying display rehearsals by the Red Arrows jet formation aerobatic display team, which are due to take place between the times specified in regulation 3(1) during the period from 21st to 28th May 2012.

Restricted Airspace (Temporary) is proposed for the relevant sites in the UK for reasons of public safety and to protect the Red Arrows display team. Formation aerobatic rehearsals require considerable concentration and skill both from the leader and the other members of the formation. The pilots cannot be expected to make unscheduled violent changes in speed, altitude or direction in order to avoid other conflicting aircraft. Any distraction caused by aircraft conflicting with the flight path of the formation could result in a collision between display aircraft, or between display aircraft and other aircraft that had entered the display area.

In order to protect the display aircraft and other air traffic, it is considered that access by other aircraft to the airspace within which the display team will rehearse should be restricted. The Regulations contain details of the places and precise areas of the rehearsals. Details will also be published by AIC and NOTAM; periods on each particular day outside the actual rehearsal times will be subject to an exemption applying to all other aircraft.

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