

2013 No. 52

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation
Display Teams) (RAF Cranwell) Regulations 2013**

Made - - - 7th January 2013

Coming into force - - 5th February 2013

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Cranwell by reason of the intended holding of flying display rehearsals there by a jet formation display team during the period from 5th February to 1st March 2013.

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Jet Formation Display Teams) (RAF Cranwell) Regulations 2013 and come into force on 5th February 2013.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1225 hours and 1300 hours on each of the following days—

- (a) 5th to 7th February,
- (b) 12th to 14th February,
- (c) 19th to 21st February,
- (d) 26th and 27th February, and
- (e) 1st March

2013, no aircraft is to fly below 8,200 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles whose centre is at 530149N 0002925W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Cranwell.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Kate Jennings
Head of Aviation Policy Implementation
Department for Transport

7th January 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying at Royal Air Force Cranwell during flying display rehearsals by the Red Arrows. The rehearsals are due to take place on a number of days during the period from 5th February to 1st March 2013.

Restricted Airspace (Temporary) is proposed for the site to protect the display teams. Formation aerobatic displays 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 in the display area.

In order to protect the display aircraft and other air traffic, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Secretary of State for Transport consider that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of RAF Cranwell during the period in question. Details will also be published NOTAM.

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