STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 686

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Biggin Hill) Regulations 2017

 Made
 13th June 2017

 Coming into force
 17th August 2017

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Biggin Hill, Kent, by reason of the intended holding of flying displays and rehearsals that are scheduled to take place there.

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) (Biggin Hill) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 17th August 2017.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(2) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—
 - (a) a clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles whose centre is at 511953N 0000142E between 511521N 0000135W and 511636N 0000740E, and
 - (b) a straight line joining the points 511636N 0000740E and 511521N 0000135W.
 - (2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—
 - (a) between 1300 hours and 1400 hours on 17th August 2017, and
 - (b) between 1100 hours and 1700 hours on 19th and 20th August 2017.
- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Biggin Hill Airport.

⁽a) S.I. 2016/765.

⁽b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Sarah Bishop Head of Aviation Policy Department for Transport

13th June 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Biggin Hill Airport, Kent, during air displays and rehearsals that are scheduled to take place there during the period of 17th to 20th August 2017. A large number of aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the display and the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Biggin Hill Airport for reasons of public safety.

In relation to regulation 3, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in Regulation 3(2) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

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

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