

2021 No. 590

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge)
Regulations 2021**

Made - - - - *18th May 2021*

Coming into force - - *20th June 2021*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire, by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons for the Summer and Winter Solstice events scheduled to be held 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) (Stonehenge) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 20th June 2021.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 511044N 0014934W between—

- (a) 1700 hours on 20th June and 1100 hours on 21st June 2021, and
- (b) 2100 hours on 21st December and 1100 hours on 22nd December 2021.

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

- (a) operating by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Helicopter Emergency Services, or
 - (ii) the National Police Air Service,
- (b) flying—
 - (i) with the permission of Wiltshire Police,

^(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) in regulation 3(1)(a) and is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in regulation (3)(1)(b).

- (ii) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at MoD Boscombe Down, or
- (iii) within the airspace notified as the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas if it does so with the permission of the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

18th May 2021

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire, during the summer and winter solstice events during which it is anticipated there will be large gatherings of persons on 20th and 21st June 2021 and 21st December and 22nd December 2021. For security and public safety reasons, Wiltshire Police has requested the Secretary of State to restrict flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge during these periods. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), Wiltshire Police may be contacted as notified.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) in regulation 3(1)(a) and is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in regulation 3(1)(b).

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

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