

2021 No. 960

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Helicopter Flight)
(No. 5) Regulations 2021**

Made - - - - - *25th August 2021*

Coming into force - - - *3rd September 2021*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of a route between Balmoral and Edinburgh by reason of two intended helicopter flights.

The Secretary of State makes these 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) (Helicopter Flight) (No. 5) Regulations 2021 and they come into force on 3rd September 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), between 1010 hours and 1120 hours on 3rd September 2021 and 1320 hours and 1430 hours on 3rd September 2021 no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 570242N 0030448W,
 - (ii) 562744N 0025748W,
 - (iii) 560709N 0030015W, and
 - (iv) 560200N 0030653W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 10 nautical miles whose centre is at 555700N 0032221W between 560200N 0030653W and 560645N 0031816W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 560645N 0031816W,
 - (ii) 562752N 0031546W,

(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).

- (iii) 570214N 0032307W, and
 - (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles whose centre is at 570217N 0031353W between 570214N 0032307W and 570242N 0030448W.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an aircraft—
- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by and operating under the control of an air traffic control unit at—
 - (i) Dundee Airport,
 - (ii) RAF Leuchars,
 - (iii) Edinburgh Airport, or
 - (b) operating by or on behalf of—
 - (i) Police Scotland,
 - (ii) the Scottish Air Ambulance Service,
 - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for the purpose of search and rescue only, or
 - (iv) the Ministry of Defence.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

25th August 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Balmoral and Edinburgh by reason of two intended helicopter Flights. The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying in the area of these intended helicopter flights should be restricted for security and flight safety reasons to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt them.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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