STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 1136

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (London, Bletchley and Stansted) Regulations 2023

Made - - - - 25th October 2023

Coming into force - - 2nd November 2023

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the areas specified in regulation 3 by reason of the intended transit there by a guest of the United Kingdom Government.

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) (London, Bletchley and Stansted) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 2nd November 2023.

Interpretation

- **2.** In regulation 3—
 - (a) "controlled airspace" has the same meaning as defined in Schedule 1 to the Air Navigation Order $2016(\mathbf{b})$, and
 - (b) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(c).

Restricted airspace

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1100 hours and 1200 hours on 2nd November 2023 no aircraft is to fly below the base of controlled airspace within the area bounded by—
 - (a) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 515945N 0004437W from 515857N 0004735W to 520039N 0004144W, and
 - (b) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 520039N 0004144W,
 - (ii) 515308N 0003619W,
 - (iii) 515159N 0004234W, and
 - (iv) 515857N 0004735W.

⁽a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

⁽b) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2017/1112.

 $[\]begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{(c)} & \textbf{Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)}. \end{tabular}$

- (2) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1100 hours and 1200 hours on 2nd November 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (a) 515159N 0004234W,
 - (b) 515308N 0003619W,
 - (c) 514430N 0003009W,
 - (d) 513611N 0001414W,
 - (e) 513611N 0001830W,
 - (f) 513313N 0001839W,
 - (g) 514229N 0003541W, and
 - (h) 515159N 0004234W.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1500 hours and 1600 hours on 2nd November 2023 no aircraft is to fly below the base of controlled airspace within the area bounded by—
 - (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 520038N 0004731W,
 - (ii) 520259N 0004537W,
 - (iii) 520119N 0000520E,
 - (iv) 515804N 0001037E,
 - (v) 515507N 0000612E,
 - (vi) 515744N 0000155E,
 - (vii) 515810N 0001302W,
 - (viii) 515856N 0001417W,
 - (ix) 515818N 0001754W, and
 - (x) 515852N 0004143W, and
 - (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 515945N 0004437W from 515852N 0004143W to 520038N 0004731W.
 - (4) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to any aircraft—
 - (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001(a),
 - (b) making an approach to or departure from—
 - (i) London Heathrow Airport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,
 - (ii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the direction of either 78 Squadron Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt, or
 - (iii) London Luton Airport whilst under the direction of London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,
 - (c) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (d) flying in accordance with the permission of—
 - (i) Farnborough Lower Airspace Radar Service, or
 - (ii) the Metropolitan Police Service.

⁽a) S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377.

- (5) Subject to paragraph (6), no aircraft is to fly between 3,000 feet above mean sea level and 5,500 feet above mean sea level between 1100 hours and 1600 hours on 2nd November 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 515945N 0004437W.
 - (6) Paragraph (5) does not apply to any aircraft—
 - (a) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (b) flying in accordance with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service.
- (7) Subject to paragraph (8), between 1515 hours and 1630 hours on 2nd November 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—
 - (a) a straight line joining the following points—
 - (i) 515416N 0002653E, and
 - (ii) 514508N 0001309E,
 - (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 8 nautical miles centred at 515306N 0001406E from 514508N 0001309E to 515155N 0000120E.
 - (c) a straight line joining the following points—
 - (i) 515155N 0000120E, and
 - (ii) 520104N 0001503E, and
 - (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 8 nautical miles centred at 515306N 0001406E from 520104N 0001503E to 515416N 0002653E.
 - (8) Paragraph (7) does not apply to any aircraft—
 - (a) making an approach to or departure from London Stansted Airport whilst under the direction of London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Stansted Airport,
 - (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (c) flying in accordance with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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25th October 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying within a corridor between London and Bletchley Park, over Bletchley Park, within a corridor between Bletchley Park and London Stansted Airport, and in the vicinity of London Stansted Airport on the occasion of a visit by a guest of the United Kingdom Government which is due to take place on 2nd November 2023.

As part of the overall security arrangements for the visit, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest that flying should be restricted in the relevant areas for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377).

The times mentioned in regulation 3 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(4)(d)(ii), 3(6)(b) and 3(8)(c), the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted as notified.

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

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