#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2023 No. 1297

# **CIVIL AVIATION**

# The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Helicopter Flight) (No. 5) Regulations 2023

*Made - - - - 30th November 2023* 

Coming into force - - 5th December 2023

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3 by reason of two intended helicopter flights.

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) (Helicopter Flight) (No. 5) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 5th December 2023.

### Interpretation

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

#### **Restricted airspace**

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), between 1045 hours and 1200 hours on 5th December 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—
  - (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
    - (i) 522327N 0000354W, and
    - (ii) 525131N 0002758E,
  - (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 524953N 0003105E, and
  - (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
    - (i) 524815N 0003408E,

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

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

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- (ii) 522204N 0000351E,
- (iii) 520206N 0000348E,
- (iv) 520043N 0000412W, and
- (v) 522327N 0000354W.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (5), between 1045 hours and 1200 hours on 5th December 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—
  - (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
    - (i) 520043N 0000412W,
    - (ii) 520206N 0000348E, and
    - (iii) 515414N 0000345E,
  - (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 515413N 0000012W, and
  - (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
    - (i) 515408N 0000414W, and
    - (ii) 520043N 0000412W.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (6), between 1230 hours and 1325 hours on 5th December 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) 513423N 0000417W, and
    - (ii) 515408N 0000414W,
  - (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 515413N 0000012W, and
  - (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
    - (i) 515414N 0000345E,
    - (ii) 513408N 0000351E, and
    - (iii) 513423N 0000417W.
  - (4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—
    - (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—
      - (i) Royal Air Force Marham Lower Airspace Radar Service,
      - (ii) Cambridge Airport Air Traffic Control, or
      - (iii) Farnborough Lower Airspace Radar Service,
    - (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
      - (i) National Police Air Service,
      - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
      - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
      - (iv) King's Helicopter Flight, or
    - (c) except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Sandringham House) (Restricted Zone EG R219) Regulations 2015(a), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Anmer Hall) (Restricted Zone EG R220) Regulations 2015(b).
  - (5) Paragraph (2) does not apply to any aircraft—
    - (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—

<sup>(</sup>a) S.I. 2015/1734, amended by S.I. 2022/960.

<sup>(</sup>b) S.I. 2015/1735.

- (i) Farnborough Lower Airspace Radar Service, or
- (ii) London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick, or
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
  - (i) National Police Air Service,
  - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
  - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
  - (iv) King's Helicopter Flight.
- (6) Paragraph (3) does not apply to any aircraft—
  - (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by—
    - (i) Farnborough Lower Airspace Radar Service,
    - (ii) London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick, or
    - (iii) Northolt Radar, or
  - (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
    - (i) National Police Air Service,
    - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
    - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
    - (iv) King's Helicopter Flight.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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30th November 2023

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Greater London by reason of two intended helicopter flights that are scheduled to take place there on 5th December 2023.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the flights.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Sandringham House) (Restricted Zone EG R219) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1734, amended by S.I. 2022/960), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Anmer Hall) (Restricted Zone EG R220) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1735).

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

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

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