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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Helicopter Flight)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - - *12th January 2023*

Coming into force - - - - - *20th January 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 an intended helicopter flight.

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) Regulations 2023, and they come into force on 20th January 2023.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), between 1505 hours and 1605 hours on 20th January 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 531557N 0015611W, and
 - (ii) 531706N 0020054W,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 531925N 0015928W between 531706N 0020054W and 532143N 0015749W, and
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 532143N 0015749W,
 - (ii) 532039N 0015332W, and
 - (iii) 531557N 0015611W.

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

(2) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), between 1505 hours and 1605 hours on 20th January 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 532039N 0015332W,
- (b) 531918N 0014805W,
- (c) 531433N 0015045W,
- (d) 531557N 0015611W, and
- (e) 532039N 0015332W.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), between 1505 hours and 1605 hours on 20th January 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 531918N 0014805W,
- (b) 531605N 0013526W,
- (c) 530655N 0004659W,
- (d) 530221N 0005016W,
- (e) 531127N 0013828W,
- (f) 531433N 0015045W, and
- (g) 531918N 0014805W.

(4) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), between 1550 hours and 1655 hours on 20th January 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 530655N 0004659W,
 - (ii) 524758N 0001007E,
 - (iii) 524743N 0002159E, and
 - (iv) 525145N 0002821E,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 524953N 0003105E between 525145N 0002821E and 524734N 0003240E, and
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 524734N 0003240E,
 - (ii) 524250N 0002447E,
 - (iii) 524257N 0000919E,
 - (iv) 530221N 0005016W, and
 - (v) 530655N 0004659W.

(5) Paragraphs (1) to (4) do not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by—

- (a) Manchester Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Manchester Airport,
- (b) East Midlands Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at East Midlands Airport,
- (c) the Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC) at Royal Air Force Coningsby whilst under the direction of Waddington, Cranwell or Coningsby Radar at Royal Air Force Coningsby,
- (d) Royal Air Force Wittering whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Wittering, or
- (e) Royal Air Force Marham whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Marham.

(6) Paragraphs (1) to (4) do not apply to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—

- (a) the National Police Air Service,
- (b) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
- (c) The Kings Helicopter Flight, or
- (d) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Grade 7

12th January 2023

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Greater Manchester, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, and Norfolk by reason of an intended helicopter flight which is scheduled to take place there on 20th January 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 flight.

The times mentioned in regulation 3 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same 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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