

2016 No. 698

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Opening of Scottish Parliament) Regulations 2016

Made - - - - *8th June 2016*

Coming into force - - *2nd July 2016*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Edinburgh by reason of the holding of the Opening of Scottish Parliament.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009^(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Opening of Scottish Parliament) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 2nd July 2016.

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 0800 hours and 1230 hours on 2nd July 2016, no aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 555701N 0031115W.

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

- (a) operated by or on behalf of Police Scotland,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the Scottish Air Ambulance Service,
- (c) operated by or on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
- (d) making an approach to, or departure from Edinburgh Airport whilst under the control of Edinburgh Airport Air Traffic Control, or
- (e) flying in accordance with the permission of Police Scotland Silver Command Tactical Advisor.

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th June 2016

Tim May
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace above Edinburgh during the Opening of Scottish Parliament that is scheduled to take place there on 2nd July 2016. The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that, at the request of the Police Scotland, flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified in Part A of Schedule 3 to the Air Navigation Order 2009. It also includes, by virtue of article 253(3) of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(e), the Police Scotland Silver Command Tactical Advisor may be contacted on telephone number 07834 421547.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, telephone number 020 7453 6586.