

**2018 No. 1256**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Edinburgh)  
Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - 26th November 2018

*Coming into force* - - 30th December 2018

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the city of Edinburgh, by reason of events associated with the New Year's celebrations which will be attended by a large number of persons.

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) (Edinburgh) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 30th December 2018.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 2,200 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 555705N 0031106W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) between 1500 hours and 2300 hours on 30th December 2018, and
- (b) between 1400 hours on 31st December 2018 and 0300 hours on 1st January 2019.

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

- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
  - (i) Police Scotland,
  - (ii) the Scottish Air Ambulance Service,
  - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,

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

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (b) making an approach to, or departure from, Edinburgh Airport whilst under the control of Edinburgh Airport Air Traffic Control, or
- (c) flying in accordance with the permission of the Police Scotland Air Accidents and Incidents Advisor.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

26th November 2018

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Department for Transport

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Edinburgh for a number of events associated with the 2018/2019 New Year's celebrations which will be attended by a large number of persons. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted for reasons of public safety and security.

In relation to regulation 3, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 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(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned at regulation 3(3)(c), the Police Scotland Air Accidents and Incidents Advisor may be contacted on telephone number 07876 651567.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.