STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1734

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Sandringham House) (Restricted Zone EG R219) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - 29th September 2015

Coming into force - - 1st December 2015

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Sandringham House, Norfolk, having regard to the security considerations associated with this location by reason of it being the residence of members of the Royal Family.

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) (Sandringham House) (Restricted Zone EG R219) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 1st December 2015.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

- **3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3)—
 - (a) in the period beginning at 0001 hours on 1st December 2015 and ending at 0001 hours on 1st March 2016, and
 - (b) in the equivalent period in successive years,

no aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the restricted airspace.

- (2) The restricted airspace mentioned in paragraph (1) is the airspace above the area bounded successively by—
 - (a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles centred on 524948N 0003049E between 524819N 0003104E and 525117N 0003033E,
 - (b) a straight line joining the points 525117N 0003033E and 525132N 0003424E,
 - (c) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius 1.5 nautical miles centred on 525003N 0003447E between 525132N 0003424E and 524834N 0003510E, and
 - (d) a straight line joining the points 524834N 0003510E and 524819N 0003104E.

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

⁽b) For the purpose of this instrument Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—
 - (a) flying in the service of National Police Air Service,
 - (b) flying in the service of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
 - (c) flying in the service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (d) flying in the service of The Queen's Helicopter Flight,
 - (e) flying in accordance with the permission of the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary Royalty and VIP Protection Unit, or
 - (f) landing in the grounds of Sandringham House at the invitation of the person in charge of the household there, provided that the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary Royalty and VIP Protection Unit has been informed in advance of such intended landing.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Kate Jennings
Head of Aviation Policy Delivery
Department for Transport

29th September 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Sandringham House, Norfolk. In view of the need for security for members of the Royal Family staying at or visiting Sandringham House and at the request of the security services, the Secretary of State considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of that location.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of this instrument is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3)(f), the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary Royalty and VIP Protection Unit may be contacted on telephone number 01953 425699, extension 7910.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be included in the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication. The restricted zone has been designated as EG R219 for the purpose of inclusion in that publication and in related charts and documents.

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 020 7453 6586.