

2017 No. 191

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Silverstone and Turweston) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - - *21st February 2017*

Coming into force - - - - - *15th July 2017*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Silverstone motor-racing circuit and Heliport and Turweston Aerodrome by reason of the gathering of a large number of persons at the British Grand Prix.

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) (Silverstone and Turweston) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 15th July 2017.

Interpretation

2. In regulations 3(1) and 4(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0600 hours and 1800 hours on 15th and 16th July 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 520351N 0010056W, from 520427N 0010542W to 520112N 0010312W, and
- (b) an anticlockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 520227N 0010544W, from 520112N 0010312W to 520427N 0010542W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Silverstone Heliport.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) between 0600 hours and 1800 hours on 15th and 16th July 2017, no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 520227N 0010544W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by Turweston Aerodrome air-ground service.

(a) S.I. 2016/765.

(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

21st February 2017

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Silverstone motor-racing circuit and Heliport and Turweston Aerodrome on the occasion of the British Grand Prix international race car meeting that is scheduled to take place on 15th and 16th July 2017.

A significant number of helicopters will be engaged in the transport of spectators to and from the event in addition to very large crowds that will also be attracted to the event. Accordingly, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

In relation to regulation 3 and 4, 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 regulations 3(1) and 4(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

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

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