

2023 No. 947

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Manchester)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *31st August 2023*

Coming into force - - *30th September 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(1) by reason of the intending holding there of the Conservative Party Conference.

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) (Manchester) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 30th September 2023.

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 0300 hours on 30th September 2023 and 1400 hours on 4th October 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 532837N 0021446W.

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

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service, or
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Services,
- (b) making an approach to or departure from Manchester International Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Manchester International Airport or the Air Traffic Control Centre at Prestwick, or
- (c) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Greater Manchester Police Service.

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

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

31st August 2023

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Manchester during the Conservative Party Conference that is due to take place there between 30th September and 4th October 2021 (inclusive).

In view of the high visibility of this event and the presence of all members of His Majesty's Government, at the request of the security services the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the Conference for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), the Greater Manchester Police Service may be contacted on telephone number 07825 115271.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.