STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 464

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day Anniversary Flypast Rehearsal) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*8th April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*28th April 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3 by reason of the intended holding there of rehearsals of a large formation flypast of aircraft to commemorate the VE Day 80 Anniversary.

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) (VE Day Anniversary Flypast Rehearsal) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 28th April 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), beginning at 1045 hours and ending at 1345 hours on the 28th and 29th April 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 10,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 530000N 0023500E,

(b) 530000N 0031300E,

(c) 521300N 0023400E,

(d) 520500N 0015000E,

(e) 522200N 0012000E,

(f) 522605N 0012753E,

(g) 523328N 0010235E,

(h) 523328N 0014215E, and

(i) 530000N 0023500E.

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant

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

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), beginning at 1215 hours and ending at 1310 hours on the 28th and 29th April 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 7,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 524111N 0003539E,

(b) 522605N 0012753E,

(c) 522200N 0012000E,

(d) 523636N 0003222E, and

(e) 524111N 0003539E.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), beginning at 1220 hours and ending at 1310 hours on the 28th and 29th April no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 531619N 0004034W,

(b) 531514N 0002624W,

(c) 530114N 0002114W,

(d) 524111N 0003539E,

(e) 523636N 0003222E,

(f) 530332N 0004246W,

(g) 531459N 0004230W, and

(h) 531619N 0004034W.

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply—

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016(**a**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Scampton) (Restricted Zone EG R313) Regulations 2022(**b**), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**c**),

(b) to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued—

(i) by Royal Air Force 78 Squadron, Swanwick,

(ii) by the air traffic control unit at—

(aa) Norwich Airport,

(bb) Royal Air Force Lakenheath, or

(cc) Royal Air Force Marham,

(iii) by Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC), or

(iv) whilst under the direction of Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC) and with a permission issued by the air traffic control units at—

(aa) Royal Air Force Barkston Heath,

(bb) Royal Air Force Conningsby,

(cc) Royal Air Force Cranwell, or

(dd) Royal Air Force Waddington,

(c) to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or

(**a**) S.I. 2016/1003.
(**b**) S.I. 2022/1221, amended by S.I. 2022/1320, S.I. 2023/234, S.I. 2023/852 and S.I. 2023/879.
(**c**) S.I. 2023/1101.

(d) to any aircraft operating with the permission of the Royal Air Force VE Day Anniversary Flypast Project Officer.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
Department for Transport

8th April 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the North Sea adjacent to East Anglia, then a corridor via Royal Air Force Marham Norfolk, to Royal Air Force Cranwell and Royal Air Force Waddington Lincolnshire where dispersal will occur, for flypast rehearsals that are due to take place there on 28th and 29th April 2025.

As timings for the rehearsals are critical and the formation may not be able to take effective avoiding action, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid the risk that transient aircraft may disrupt the formation.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1003), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Scampton) (Restricted Zone EG R313) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/1221, amended by S.I. 2022/1320, S.I. 2023/234, S.I. 2023/852 and S.I. 2023/879), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

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

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(4), Royal Air Force 78 Squadron Swanwick may be contacted via telephone numbers 01489 612417 or 01489 612408 and the Royal Air Force VE Day Anniversary Flypast Project Officer may be contacted on telephone number 07771 751710.

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.