STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 496

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day 80 Anniversary Flypast) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*16th April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*5th May 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the areas specified in regulation 3 by reason of the holding there 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 80 Anniversary Flypast) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 5th May 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (13), beginning at 1045 hours and ending at 1345 hours on 5th May 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) 522200N 0011457E,

(g) 523303N 0011457E,

(h) 523303N 0014124E, and

(i) 530000N 0023500E.

(**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).

(2) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (13), beginning at 1215 hours and ending at 1310 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 521650N 0012910E,

(b) 520500N 0015000E,

(c) 515710N 0010319E,

(d) 520058N 0005809E, and

(e) 521650N 0012910E.

(3) Subject to paragraph (6) and (13), beginning at 1220 hours and ending at 1310 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 515551N 0004820E,

(b) 520058N 0005809E,

(c) 515710N 0010319E,

(d) 515205N 0005331E, and

(e) 515551N 0004820E.

(4) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (13), beginning at 1220 hours and ending at 1310 hours on 5th May 2025 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) 515039N 0003538E,

(b) 515500N 0004643E,

(c) 515551N 0004820E,

(d) 515205N 0005331E,

(e) 515048N 0005103E,

(f) 514628N 0003949E, and

(g) 515039N 0003538E.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (13), beginning at 1225 hours and ending at 1310 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 513433N 0000433W,

(b) 515039N 0003538E,

(c) 514628N 0003949E,

(d) 513409N 0000826E, and

(e) 513433N 0000433W.

(6) Paragraphs (1) to (5) 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) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**b**), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day 80) Regulations 2025(**c**),

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

(i) 78 Squadron Royal Air Force, Swanwick,

(ii) the air traffic control unit at Wattisham Aerodrome, or

(iii) Southend Lower Airspace Radar Service, or

(**a**) S.I. 2016/1003.
(**b**) S.I. 2023/1101.
(**c**) S.I. 2025/374, amended by S.I. 2025/474.

(c) to any aircraft making an approach to or departure from Norwich Airport whist under the direction of the air traffic control unit at that airport.

(7) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (13), beginning at 1225 hours and ending at 1310 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 513611N 0004133W, and

(ii) 513611N 0001253W,

(b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 12 nautical miles whose centre is at 512812N 0002713W between 513611N 0001253W and 513445N 0001108W, and

(c) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 513445N 0001108W,

(ii) 513409N 0000826E,

(iii) 512700N 0000826E,

(iv) 512700N 0004133W, and

(v) 513611N 0004133W.

(8) Paragraph (7) does not apply—

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001(**a**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004(**b**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005(**c**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017(**d**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) (Restricted Area EG R156) Regulations 2021(**e**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**f**), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day 80) Regulations 2025(**g**),

(b) to any aircraft making an approach to or departure from—

(i) London Heathrow Airport whilst under the direction of either the London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,

(ii) London City Airport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London City Airport,

(iii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the direction of either 78 Squadron Royal Air Force, Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt, or

(iv) the London Heliport, Battersea whilst under the direction of the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heliport, Battersea, or

(c) flying in accordance with a permission issued by—

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

(ii) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick.

(9) Subject to paragraphs (12) and (13), beginning at 1245 hours and ending at 1325 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(**a**) S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377.
(**b**) S.I. 2004/2092.
(**c**) S.I. 2005/964.
(**d**) S.I. 2017/1300.
(**e**) S.I. 2021/1137.
(**f**) S.I. 2023/1101.
(**g**) S.I. 2025/374, amended by S.I. 2025/474.

(a) 515008N 0004230W,

(b) 513611N 0002353W,

(c) 513611N 0004133W,

(d) 514458N 0004602W, and

(e) 515008N 0004230W.

(10) Subject to paragraphs (12) and (13), beginning at 1245 hours and ending at 1325 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 514834N 0011958W,

(b) 515008N 0004230W,

(c) 514458N 0004602W,

(d) 514349N 0011753W, and

(e) 514834N 0011958W.

(11) Subject to paragraphs (12) and (13), beginning at 1245 hours and ending at 1325 hours on 5th May 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 514349N 0011753W,

(b) 514458N 0004602W,

(c) 513611N 0004133W,

(d) 512700N 0004133W,

(e) 512930N 0011311W,

(f) 513500N 0012100W, and

(g) 514349N 0011753W.

(12) Paragraphs (9) to (11) do not apply—

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**a**), or

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

(i) 78 Squadron Royal Air Force, Swanwick,

(ii) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick,

(iii) Farnborough Lower Airspace Radar Service, or

(iv) the air traffic control unit at—

(aa) Royal Air Force Benson,

(bb) Royal Air Force Brize Norton, or

(cc) Oxford Airport.

(13) Paragraphs (1) to (5), (7), and (9) to (11) do not apply to any aircraft—

(a) 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

(b) operating with the permission of the Royal Air Force VE Day 80 Anniversary Flypast Project Officer.

(**a**) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
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16th April 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the North Sea, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, London, and areas to the West and North West of London over Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire for the VE Day 80 Anniversary Flypast which is due to take place there on 5th May 2025.

As timings for this event 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 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) (Prisons) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2092), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/964), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1003), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1300), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Windsor Castle) (Restricted Area EG R156) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/1137), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101), and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day 80) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/374, amended by S.I. 2025/474).

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

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(6)(b)(i), 3(8)(c)(i) and 3(12)(b)(i) the 78 Squadron Royal Air Force, Swanwick may be contacted as notified.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(13)(b), the Royal Air Force VE Day 80 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.