STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 631

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portrush, Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*30th May 2025*
Coming into force - -	*18th July 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(1) by reason of the intended holding of flying displays that are scheduled to take place there.

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) (Portrush, Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 18th July 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning with 2000 hours and ending with 2100 hours on 18th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles which is centred at 551219N 0063940W.

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

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025(**c**),

(b) flying with the permission of the flying display director, or

(c) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none are relevant.
(**b**) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).
(**c**) S.I. 2025/192.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joseph Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

30th May 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Portrush, Northern Ireland, during flying displays that are scheduled to take place there in connection with the Open Golf Championship on 18th July 2025.

Many aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the displays and therefore 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.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/192).

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)(b), the flying display director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 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.