STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 863

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Wales Airshow) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*22nd July 2026*
Coming into force - -	*25th July 2026*

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 there of flying displays.

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) (Wales Airshow) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 25th July 2026.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) no aircraft is to fly below 8,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

(a) 513800N, 0040040W,

(b) 513800N, 0035100W,

(c) 513400N, 0035100W,

(d) 513400N, 0040040W, and

(e) 513800N, 0040040W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin with—

(a) 1000 hours and end with 2045 hours on 25th July 2026, and

(b) 1000 hours and end with 1600 hours on 26th July 2026.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

(**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).

(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 operating in accordance with a permission issued by the Wales Airshow flying display director.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7
22nd July 2026 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Swansea, Wales during flying displays that are due to take place there for the Wales Airshow on 25th and 26th July 2026.

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 displays for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

The times referred to in regulation 3(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3)(b), the Wales Airshow flying display director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of these Regulations 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.

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