

2013 No. 406

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2013

Made - - - 21st February 2013

Coming into force - - 8th May 2013

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Charing Cross, London by reason of the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place on 8th May 2013.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (State Opening of Parliament) Regulations 2013 and come into force on 8th May 2013.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0930 hours and 1130 hours on 8th May 2013 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 513030N 0000731W.

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

- (a) operated by the Metropolitan Police Service,
- (b) operated by the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) making an approach to Runway 09 at London City Airport at a height of not less than 1,500 feet above mean sea level and to the east of a line running true north to true south through 513030N 0000514W (London Bridge),
- (d) making an approach to or departure from the London Heliport, Battersea, to the west of a line running true north to true south through 512852N 0001018W (Battersea Bridge) under the control of London Heliport Air Traffic Control, or
- (e) flying with the authority of Superintendent Marshal Kent of the Metropolitan Police Service.

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Kate Jennings
Head of Aviation Policy Implementation
Department for Transport

21st February 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the airspace specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the State Opening of Parliament that is scheduled to take place on 8th May 2013 and are made pursuant to a request from the Metropolitan Police Service, via the Home Office, which forms part of the overall security arrangements for this event. This request has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority's Directorate of Airspace Policy (DAP) and the Department for Transport.

In relation to the authority mentioned in regulation 3(2)(e), Superintendent Marshal Kent may be contacted through the Metropolitan Police Service Air Support Unit on telephone 020 8345 4888 (24 hours).

Full details of the restricted airspace will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries can be made to Mr R E J Gratton, DAP Airspace Specialist 6, telephone 020 7453 6586.