

**2018 No. 588**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Manchester)  
Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - *9th May 2018*

*Coming into force* - - *22nd May 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Manchester by reason of the holding of events that are scheduled to take place there associated with the 1st anniversary of the bombing of the Manchester Arena.

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) (Manchester) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 22nd May 2018.

**Interpretation**

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

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0800 hours and 2300 hours on 22nd May 2018 no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 532855N 0021440W.

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

- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
  - (i) the National Police Air Service, or
  - (ii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (b) making and approach to, or departure from, Manchester International Airport under the control of the air traffic control unit at that Airport, or
- (c) flying with the permission of the Inspector Steve Worth of the Greater Manchester Police.

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(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

9th May 2018

*Sarah Bishop*  
Head of Aviation Policy  
Department for Transport

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Manchester during events to commemorate the 1st anniversary of the bombing of the Manchester Arena that are scheduled to take place there on 22nd May 2018. The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that, at the request of the Greater Manchester Police, flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the events for reasons of security.

In relation to regulation 3, the term ‘aircraft’ includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), Inspector Steve Worth of the Greater Manchester Police may be contacted on telephone number 07500 106400.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 020 7453 6586.