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CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (North West Transit Corridor) (Restricted Area EGR323) Regulations 2024

Made - - - - *21st November 2024*

Coming into force - - *20th February 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 2(1) by reason of public safety.

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) (North West Transit Corridor) (Restricted Area EGR323) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 20th February 2025.

Restricted airspace

2.—(1) Subject paragraph (2) no aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 533011N 0024123W,
- (b) 533124N 0023102W,
- (c) 532056N 0023103W,
- (d) 532141N 0023000W,
- (e) 531254N 0023000W,
- (f) 531050N 0022814W,
- (g) 531050N 0023224W,
- (h) 531130N 0023744W,
- (i) 532708N 0023744W, and
- (j) 533011N 0024123W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with the following criteria—

- (a) at a speed which according to its airspeed indicator is 140 knots or less,
- (b) with in-flight visibility of 5 kilometres or more,

(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

- (c) mandatory use of the Manchester or Liverpool atmospheric pressure setting (QNH), and
 - (d) a maximum certificated take-off mass (MTOM)^(a) of up to 40,000 kilogrammes.
- (3) Paragraph (2)(b) does not apply to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—
- (a) a Police Air Support Unit,
 - (b) an Emergency Medical Service,
 - (c) The King’s Helicopter Flight, or
 - (d) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for the purpose of search and rescue only.

(4) Pilots of aircraft unable to comply with the criteria listed in paragraph (2) may apply for an individual exemption through the process detailed in UK AIP ENR 5.1, Prohibited, Restricted and Danger Areas, EGR323 North West Transit Corridor **(b)**.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Grade 7

21st November 2024

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Manchester and have been agreed by the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport for reasons of public safety.

The restricted zone has been designated as EGR323 for the purpose of inclusion in the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be included in the AIP and in related charts and documents and will also be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr S J Maxted, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 383216.

(a) The maximum take-off mass (MTOM), often referred to as maximum take-off weight (MTOW), of an aircraft is a value defined by the aircraft manufacturer. It is the maximum mass at which the aircraft is certified for take-off due to structural or other limits. MTOW is usually specified in units of kilograms or pounds. The mass is a fixed value and does not vary with changes in temperature, altitude, or runway available.

(b) “UK AIP ENR 5.1 Prohibited Restricted and Danger Areas, EGR323 Manchester North West Transit Corridor” is available from the NATS website at <https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/Publications/>. For a hard copy contact NATS at 4000 Parkway, Whiteley, Fareham, Hants, PO15 7FL.