

2024 No. 765

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Oxford) Regulations
2024**

Made - - - - *25th June 2024*

Coming into force - - *18th July 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the areas specified in regulation 3(1) and (2) by reason of the intended holding at Blenheim Palace of the European Political Community meeting.

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) (Oxford) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 18th July 2024.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), between 0530 hours and 0930 hours and between 1500 hours and 2130 on 18th July 2024 no aircraft is to fly below Flight Level(c) 85 within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 520011N 0012121W,
 - (ii) 520012N 0011533W,
 - (iii) 515745N 0011126W,
 - (iv) 515625N 0011021W,
 - (v) 514608N 0010700W,
 - (vi) 514147N 0010757W,
 - (vii) 513938N 0012321W,

(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).
(c) The term “flight level” is defined in Schedule 1 to the Air Navigation Order 2016.

- (viii) 514349N 0011753W,
- (ix) 514834N 0011958W,
- (x) 514737N 0012537W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5.5 nautical miles centred at 514513N 0013334W from 514737N 0012537W to 515006N 0012925W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 515006N 0012925W,
 - (ii) 515517N 0012340W, and
 - (iii) 520011N 0012121W.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), between 0530 hours and 0800 hours and between 1830 hours and 2130 hours on 18th July 2024 no aircraft is to fly below Flight Level(a) 85 within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 514203N 0012757W,
- (b) 514349N 0011753W,
- (c) 513938N 0012321W,
- (d) 513911N 0012629W, and
- (e) 514203N 0012757W.

(3) Paragraph (1) and (2) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at—
 - (i) London Oxford Airport, or
 - (ii) Royal Air Force Brize Norton,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) the King’s Helicopter flight, or
- (c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blenheim Palace) Regulations 2024(b).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Hafsah Abid
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25th June 2024

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Oxford, Oxfordshire, during the European Political Community meeting that is taking place at Blenheim Palace.

A large number of aircraft will be both inbound and outbound from London Oxford airport as well as Royal Air Force Brize Norton in connection with this meeting, therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity, for reasons affecting the public interest.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) and (2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(a) The term “flight level” is defined in Schedule 1 to the Air Navigation Order 2016.
(b) S.I. 2024/743.

In relation to the clearances mentioned in regulation 3(3)(a), the air traffic control units may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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