STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 906

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (POTUS Visit, Scotland) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*21st July 2025*
Coming into force - -	*24th July 2025*

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) to (6) by reason of the arrangements associated with a visit by the President of the United States of America to Scotland.

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) (POTUS Visit, Scotland) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 24th July 2025.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) to (6) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (12), beginning with 0700 hours on 24th July 2025 and ending with 1430 hours on 28th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 5,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred at 551851N 0044958W.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (12), beginning with 1820 hours and ending with 1905 hours on 25th July 2025 and beginning with 1430 hours and ending with 1515 hours on 28th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 5,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 554023N 0045040W,

(ii) 552521N 0040716W,

(b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 17 nautical miles centred at 553034N 0043540W between 552521N 0040716W and 551710N 0041723W,

(c) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(**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).

(i) 551710N 0041723W,

(ii) 553124N 0045830W,

(d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 13 nautical miles centred at 553034N 0043540W between 553124N 0045830W and 554023N 0045040W.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (12), beginning with 1830 hours and ending with 1950 hours on 25th July 2025 and beginning with 1345 hours and ending with 1505 hours on 28th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 5,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 553034N 0043540W between 553034N 0043925W and 553009N 0043226W,

(b) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 553009N 0043226W,

(ii) 552154N 0043518W,

(iii) 551706N 0044802W,

(c) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 551851N 0044958W between 551706N 0044802W and 552033N 0045130W,

(d) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 552033N 0045130W,

(ii) 552423N 0044100W,

(iii) 553034N 0043925W.

(4) Subject to paragraphs (9) and (12), beginning with 1520 hours and ending with 1605 hours on 28th July 2025 and beginning with 1415 hours and ending with 1510 hours on 29th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 10 nautical miles centred at 574218N 0032021W.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (10) and (12), beginning with 1530 hours and ending with 1645 hours on 28th July 2025 and beginning with 1345 hours and ending with 1500 hours on 29th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 574623N 0031457W,

(ii) 573641N 0021217W,

(iii) 571808N 0015324W,

(b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred at 571640N 0020210W between 571808N 0015324W and 571501N 0021046W,

(c) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 571501N 0021046W,

(ii) 573023N 0022828W,

(iii) 573823N 0032621W,

(d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred at 574218N 0032021W between 573823N 0032621W and 574623N 0031457W.

(6) Subject to paragraphs (7), (11) and (12), beginning with 0700 hours on 27th July 2025 and ending with 1430 hours on 29th July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred at 571640N 0020210W.

(7) Paragraph (6) does not apply insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Balmedie, Aberdeen) Regulations 2025(**a**).

(**a**) S.I. 2025/852.

(8) Paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply to any aircraft making an approach to or departure from Glasgow Prestwick Airport whilst under the direction of either Prestwick Area Control Centre or the air traffic control unit at Glasgow Prestwick Airport, and which has been authorised by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

(9) Paragraph (4) does not apply to any aircraft making an approach to or departure from Royal Air Force Lossiemouth whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Lossiemouth and which has been authorised by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

(10) Paragraph (5) does not apply to any aircraft operating with a clearance issued by the air traffic control units at Royal Air Force Lossiemouth or Aberdeen International Airport, and which has been authorised by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

(11) Paragraph (6) does not apply to any aircraft making an approach to or departure from Aberdeen International Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Aberdeen International Airport, and which has been authorised by the Police Scotland Aviation and Security Unit.

(12) Paragraphs (1) to (6) do not apply to any aircraft—

(a) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, in response to an emergency,

(iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in response to an emergency,

(b) operated by, or on behalf of the President of the United States,

(c) operated in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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21st July 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying within Scotland on the occasion of a visit to Scotland by the President of the United States of America ("POTUS") which is due to take place on 24th to 29th July 2025, inclusive.

As part of the overall security arrangements for the visit, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest that flying should be restricted in the relevant areas for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Balmedie, Aberdeen) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/852).

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) to (6) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(12)(c), the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit may be contacted as notified.

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

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