STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 959

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*8th August 2025*
Coming into force - -	*13th August 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) by reason of the arrangements associated with a visit by a VIP 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) (Prestwick, Scotland) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 13th August 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning with 0800 hours and ending with 2259 hours on 13th and 17th August 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, and

(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—

(i) 551710N 0041723W, and

(ii) 553124N 0045830W, and

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

(**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).

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

(a) 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,

(b) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

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

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

(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

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

8th August 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Prestwick, Scotland on the occasion of a VIP visit which is due to take place there on 13th and 17th August 2025.

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 for reasons of public safety and security.

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

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), the Police Scotland Aviation Safety and Security Unit may be contacted as notified.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.