STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2011 No. 450

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Silverstone and Turweston) Regulations 2011

Made - - - -	*18th February 2011*
Coming into force - -	*9th July 2011*

The Secretary of State deems it necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Silverstone and Turweston Aerodromes by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons at the British Grand Prix international race car meeting scheduled to take place on 9th and 10th July 2011.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(**a**).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Silverstone and Turweston) Regulations 2011 and come into force on 9th July 2011.

2. In regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), and during each of the periods specified in regulation 5 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

(a) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 520323N 0005357W,

(ii) 515958N 0010239W, and

(iii) 520055N 0010339W;

(b) the anticlockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 520227N 0010544W between 520055N 0010339W and 520416N 0010707W; and

(c) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 520416N 0010707W,

(ii) 520501N 0010754W,

(iii) 520815N 0005940W,

(iv) 520457N 0005357W, and

(v) 520323N 0005357W.

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

(a) whose commander, immediately before entering the airspace specified in paragraph (1), informs the air traffic control unit at Silverstone Aerodrome of the position, level and track of the aircraft;

(**a**) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there is an amendment that is not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Silverstone Aerodrome; and

(c) whose commander maintains a continuous radiotelephony watch on the published Silverstone aeronautical frequency.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), and during each of the periods specified in regulation 5 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is at 520227N 0010544W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a prior permission issued by the operator of Turweston Aerodrome.

5. The periods referred to in regulations 3(1) and 4(1) are—

(1) between 0700 hours and 1800 hours on 9th July 2011,

(2) between 0600 hours and 1900 hours on 10th July 2011.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

J Parkinson
Head of Aviation Policy Development
Department for Transport

18th February 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Silverstone and Turweston Aerodromes on the occasion of the British Grand Prix international race car meeting that is scheduled to take place on 9th and 10th July 2011.

Past experience has shown that very large crowds will be attracted to the event. A significant number of helicopters will be engaged in public and private transport of spectators to and from the event. At the equivalent occasion in 2010 there were some 2,000 movements at Silverstone (Heliport) supported by a large number of fixed-wing aircraft movements at Turweston. In order to protect the public on the ground from the risk of collision in the air it is considered necessary to limit the air traffic in the immediate vicinity of both Silverstone and Turweston aerodromes. The introduction of restrictions on flying by means of these Regulations will greatly assist in accomplishing the necessary measure of control.

Full details of the Statutory instrument will be promulgated by NOTAM and Aeronautical Information Circular.

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