STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 798

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Southport) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*3rd July 2025*
Coming into force - -	*30th August 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended holding of flying displays that are scheduled to take place there.

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) (Southport) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 30th 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 1000 hours and ending with 1730 hours on each of the two days beginning with 30th August 2025 and ending with 31st August 2025, no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2.3 nautical miles which is centred at 533921N 0030117W.

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

(a) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or

(b) flying with the permission of the Southport Airshow flying display director.

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, as 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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7
3rd July 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in the vicinity of Southport, Merseyside, during flying displays for the general public that are scheduled to take place there on 30th and 31st August 2025.

A large number of aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the displays and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the displays for reasons of public safety.

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)(b), the Southport Airshow flying display director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 138 2734.