STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 508

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*23rd April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*8th 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) by reason of the intended holding there of flying displays.

The Secretary of State makes these 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) (Sywell) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 8th July 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 at 0800 hours and ending at 1700 hours on each of the 6 days commencing on 8th July 2025 and concluding on 13th 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 2 nautical miles centred at 521817N 0004729W.

(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 British National Championships Aerobatic Contest Official.

(**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

David J Best
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23rd April 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire during the British National Aerobatics Contest that is due to take place there on the 8th to 13th July 2025 (inclusive).

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 British National Championships Aerobatic Contest Official 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 03301 382734.