STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 669

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Topcliffe) Regulations 2020

Made - - - -	*1st July 2020*
Coming into force - -	*6th September 2020*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, by reason of the holding of the intended operation of an unlit and unmarked tethered balloon.

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) (Topcliffe) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 6th September 2020.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0700 hours on 6th September 2020 and 1700 hours on 18th September 2020, no aircraft is to fly below 6,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles whose centre is 541219N 0012329W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with—

(a) the permission of the Flight Control Officer, 2 Signal Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment, or

(b) a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Leeming.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
Department for Transport

1st July 2020

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765 to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.
(**b**) In these Regulations, Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Topcliffe, North Yorkshire because of the use of an unlit and unmarked, tethered balloon for a military exercise which is scheduled to take place during the period 6th September to 18th September 2020 (inclusive). As the operation does not allow the balloon, or its tether to be lit or marked, the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Topcliffe on the grounds of flight safety.

In relation to regulations 3, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Flight Control Officer, 2 Signal Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment may be contacted as notified.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

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