STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 374

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (VE Day 80) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*20th March 2025*
Coming into force - -	*5th May 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 holding there of the Victory in Europe Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations.

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) (VE Day 80) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 5th May 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), beginning with 0800 hours and ending with 1500 hours on 5th May 2025 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) 513611N 0001644W, and

(ii) 513611N 0000311W,

(b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 17 nautical miles centred at 512812N 0002713W between 513611N 0000311W and 512625N 0000010W,

(c) straight lines joining successively the following points—

(i) 512625N 0000010W,

(ii) 512013N 0000316W, and

(iii) 512013N 0001641W, and

(**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).

(d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 12 nautical miles centred at 512812N 0000020W between 512013N 0001641W and 513611N 0001644W.

(2) All non-standard flight and enhanced non-standard flight clearances(**a**) contained within the area specified in regulation 3(1) are withdrawn for the duration of these Regulations.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Isle of Dogs) Regulations 2004(**b**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004(**c**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005(**d**), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017(**e**), or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**f**).

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

(a) making an approach to or departure from—

(i) London Heathrow Airport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport,

(ii) London City Airport whilst under the direction of either the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London City Airport,

(iii) Royal Air Force Northolt whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt, or

(iv) London Heliport whilst under the direction of either London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heliport,

(b) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service,

(iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for the purpose of Search and Rescue Operations, or

(iv) the King's Helicopter Flight,

(c) operating with the permission of the Metropolitan Police Service, or

(d) participating in the Royal Air Force VE Day 80 Flypast.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
Grade 7
20th March 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying in the vicinity of London due to the security arrangements associated with the VE Day 80 Celebrations taking place there on 5th May 2025.

At the request of the Metropolitan Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of London during the VE Day 80 Celebrations for reasons of public safety and security.

(**a**) A non-standard flight is a flight that does not follow published routes or notified procedures.
(**b**) S.I. 2004/2091.
(**c**) S.I. 2004/2092.
(**d**) S.I. 2005/964.
(**e**) S.I. 2017/1300.
(**f**) S.I. 2023/1101.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Isle of Dogs) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2091), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (City of London) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2092), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Specified Area) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/964), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Hyde Park) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1300), or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

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 permissions mentioned in regulation 3(4)(c) the Metropolitan Police Service may be contacted via email at Restricted.Airspace@met.police.uk.

Full details of these Regulations will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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