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CIVIL AVIATION

The Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Control (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1979

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under Article 60(1) of the Air Navigation Order 1976(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Control (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1979.

2. The Schedule to the Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Control Regulations 1976(b), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) In Rule 36(1) in the Table for the entry in Column 2 thereof relating to Birmingham there shall be substituted: "(3)(*a*) and (*b*)".

(2) In Rule 36(1) the following shall be added at the end of the Table:—

Column 1	*Column 2*
Sumburgh	(3)(*a*) and (*b*)

(3) In Rule 37:—

(*a*) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1):—

"(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22, during the notified hours of watch of the Air Traffic Control Unit at Lydd Airport, the following special rules shall apply to the airspaces notified respectively for the purposes of this Rule as the Cross-Channel Special Rules Airspace and the Cross-Channel VFR Corridor.";

(*b*) the word "airspace" shall be substituted for the word "area" wherever it occurs in Rule 37.

(*c*) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (5):—

"(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 23(*a*) an aircraft flying along the Cross-Channel VFR Corridor on a route and at a level of flight notified for the purposes of this paragraph as appropriate to the direction in which the aircraft is flying shall remain clear of cloud, in sight of the surface and in a flight visibility of not less than three nautical miles."

(a) S.I. 1976/1783, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) S.I. 1976/1983; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1978/877.

(*d*) in the first sentence of paragraph (6) for "aircraft (other than gliders)" there shall be substituted "mechanically driven aircraft."

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Department of Trade.

6th November 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Control Regulations 1976, as amended. The following changes are made:

(1) Gliders must now comply with Special Rules 36(3)(*a*) and (*b*) in respect of Birmingham Airport (Regulation 2(1)).

(2) Special Rules are now made for Sumburgh Airport (Regulation 2(2)).

(3) The Special Rules for Cross-Channel Air Traffic will henceforth apply only during the notified hours of watch of the Air Traffic Control Unit at Lydd Airport and aircraft are now required to fly in accordance with the specified visual flight rules within the Cross-Channel VFR Corridor only if they fly along routes and at levels of flight notified for this purpose (Regulation 2(3)).

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