

2019 No. 847

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Portrush Golf Club) Regulations 2019

Made - - - - *4th April 2019*

Coming into force - - *14th July 2019*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the Royal Portrush Golf Club, County Antrim, by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons at the Open Golf tournament being held 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) (Royal Portrush Golf Club) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 14th July 2019.

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 0300 hours and 2100 hours on each of the nine days beginning on 14th July and ending on 22nd July 2019, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles whose centre is at 551203N 0063806W.

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

(a) by or on behalf of—

(i) the Police Service of Northern Ireland,

(ii) the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance,

(iii) the Irish Coast Guard,

(iv) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or

(b) with the permission of Superintendent John Magill, Superintendent Darrin Jones, Superintendent Arthur Davidson, Chief Inspector Mark McClarence or Sergeant Paul McGillan of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th April 2019

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Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of aircraft in the vicinity of the Royal Portrush Golf Club, County Antrim, by reason of the intended gathering of large numbers of persons attending the Open Golf tournament being held there between 14th July and 22nd July 2019, (inclusive). The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of aircrafts should be restricted for reasons of public safety.

In relation to regulation 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)(b) the officers of the Police Service of Northern Ireland may be contacted on telephone numbers 07825 399539, 07795 152792, 07795 152347, 07801 738336, and 07796 540177, respectively.

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

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 07917 614249.