

2025 No. 1133

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Stonehenge) (No. 2)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - *14th October 2025*

Coming into force - - *20th December 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 gathering there of a large number of persons for the Winter Solstice Period.

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) (Stonehenge) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 20th December 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 with 1700 hours on 20th December 2025 and ending with 1100 hours on 21 December 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles which is centred at 511044N 0014934W.

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

(a) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit, or

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(b) flying—

(i) with the permission of Wiltshire Police,

(ii) in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Ministry of Defence Boscombe Down, or

(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 the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (iii) within the airspace notified as the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas if it does so with the permission of the Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joe Thompson

Grade 7

14th October 2025

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Stonehenge, Wiltshire during the winter solstice period when a large gathering of persons is expected there on 20th and 21st December 2025.

At the request of Wiltshire Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Stonehenge during the summer solstice period for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b)(i) and (iii), the Wiltshire Police and Senior Air Operations Officer at Salisbury Plain Air Operations 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 David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382471.