

**2026 No. 147**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Air Force  
Coningsby) Regulations 2026**

*Made* - - - - *20th February 2026*

*Coming into force* - - *16th March 2026*

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 holding of flying display rehearsals that are scheduled to take place 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 Air Force Coningsby) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 16th March 2026.

**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 1230 hours and ending with 1330 hours on 16th March 2026 no aircraft is to fly below 8,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles which is centred at 530534N 0001000W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft operating in accordance with the permission of—

- (a) the Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC),
- (b) the Air Traffic Control unit at Royal Air Force Coningsby, or
- (c) the Air Traffic Control unit at Royal Air Force Waddington.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th February 2026

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(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).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Coningsby during flying display rehearsals by the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, which are due to take place there on 16th March 2026.

Many aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the displays and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of those rehearsals 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), the Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre, the Air Traffic Control unit at Royal Air Force Coningsby and the Air Traffic Control unit at Royal Air Force Waddington may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this statutory instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet 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.