

2026 No. 408

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal International Air Tattoo, Royal Air Force Fairford) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - *15th April 2026*

Coming into force - - *15th July 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 by reason of the intended holding there of flying displays associated with the Royal International Air Tattoo 2026.

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 International Air Tattoo, Royal Air Force Fairford) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 15th July 2026.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), beginning with 0715 hours and ending with 1900 hours on each of the five days beginning with 15th July and ending with 19th July 2026, no aircraft is to fly below Flight level(c) 85 within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514433N 0020502W,
 - (ii) 514733N 0014405W, and
 - (iii) 515006N 0012925W,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5.5 nautical miles centred at 514513N 0013334W between 515006N 0012925W and 514737N 0012537W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514737N 0012537W,

(a) S.I. 2016/765, as 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).
(c) The term “Flight level” is defined in Schedule 1 to the Air Navigation Order 2016.

- (ii) 514834N 0011958W,
 - (iii) 514349N 0011753W,
 - (iv) 513621N 0012737W, and
 - (v) 514124N 0021027W, and
 - (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 4.6 nautical miles centred at 514005N 0020322W between 514124N 0021027W and 514433N 0020502W.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (4), beginning with 0715 hours and ending with 1900 hours on each of the five days beginning with 15th July and ending with 19th July 2026, no aircraft is to fly below Flight level 65 within the area bounded by—
- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514124N 0021027W,
 - (ii) 513621N 0012737W,
 - (iii) 513600N 0012800W,
 - (iv) 513500N 0014600W, and
 - (v) 513530N 0020341W, and
 - (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 4.6 nautical miles centred at 514005N 0020322W between 513530N 0020341W and 514124N 0021027W.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), beginning with 0645 hours and ending with 1745 hours on 20th July 2026 no aircraft is to fly below Flight level 65 within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—
- (i) 514457N 0015713W,
 - (ii) 514751N 0014134W,
 - (iii) 514420N 0013754W,
 - (iv) 513732N 0013728W,
 - (v) 513747N 0015652W, and
 - (vi) 514457N 0015713W.
- (4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply—
- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Gatcombe Park) (Restricted Zone EG RU183) Regulations 2025(a) and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026(b), or
 - (b) to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (South) at Royal Air Force Brize Norton.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

15th April 2026

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(a) S.I. 2025/907.
(b) S.I. 2026/64.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Fairford, Gloucestershire, during the Royal International Air Tattoo 2026 which is scheduled to take place there on 15th to 20th July 2026, inclusive.

Many aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the event and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Fairford for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Gatcombe Park) (Restricted Zone EG RU183) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/907) and the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026 (S.I. 2026/64).

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) to (3) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

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

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