

2026 No. 496

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -

7th May 2026

Coming into force - -

12th June 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 there of flying displays.

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 Cosford Airshow) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 12th June 2026.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) no aircraft is to fly below 5,300 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 6 nautical miles which is centred at 523824N 0021819W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin with—

- (a) 1300 hours and end with 1700 hours on each of the two days beginning with 12th June 2026 and ending with 13 June 2026, and
- (b) 1000 hours and end with 1700 hours on 14th June 2026.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the—

- (a) air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Shawbury,
- (b) air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Cosford, or
- (c) Royal Air Force Cosford Airshow Flying Display Director.

^(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

7th May 2026

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Royal Air Force Cosford, Shropshire, during flying displays that are due to take place there on 12th to 14th July 2026, inclusive.

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 the displays for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3)(c), the Royal Air Force Cosford Airshow Flying Display Director 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 03301 382471.