

2026 No. 878

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blackpool)
Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - 27th July 2026

Coming into force - - 8th August 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 displays 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) (Blackpool) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 8th August 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), during the period beginning with 1200 hours and ending with 1700 hours on each of the two days beginning with 8th August 2026 and ending with 9th August 2026 no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles which is centred at 534856N 0030325W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft operating in accordance with a permission issued by the Blackpool Seafront Flying Display Director.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

27th July 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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the seafront at Blackpool, Lancashire during flying displays for the public that are scheduled to take place there on 8th and 9th August 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 the displays for reasons of public safety.

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

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2) the Blackpool Seafront Flying Display Director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of these Regulations 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 03301 382471.