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Subject Airspace Restrictions



RESTRICTION OF FLYING REGULATIONS: WINTER SOLSTICE, STONEHENGE, 20 - 21 DECEMBER 2024

- 1 A large gathering of persons is expected at Stonehenge, Wiltshire for the Winter Solstice. The Secretary of State for Transport has, therefore, decided that it is necessary in the interests of public safety to introduce Restriction of Flying Regulations under Article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016.
- 2 Subject to paragraph 3, between 1700 hours on 20 December 2024 and 1100 hours on 21 December 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 3000 FT AMSL within the area bounded by a circle radius of 3 NM centred at 511044N 0014934W.
- **3** Paragraph 2 does not apply to any aircraft:
 - a) operated by or on behalf of the:
 - i. National Police Air Service;
 - ii. Helicopter Emergency Medical Service; or
 - b) flying:
 - i. with the permission of Wiltshire Police who may be contacted via telephone number 01380-861282;
 - ii. in accordance with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at Ministry of Defence Boscombe Down; or
 - 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 who may be contacted via telephone number 01980-674710.
- 4 The times mentioned in this Notice are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- 5 In relation to this document, the term 'aircraft' includes any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than 2 KG, any unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute or paramotor.
- **6** Details of the Restricted Airspace feature in the daily AIS Information Line message at 08085-354802 and 01489-887515 and will be included on the Pre-flight Information Bulletins (PIB) through the AIS Website at http://nats.aero/ais.
- 7 Further enquiries can be made to Mr D Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Civil Aviation Authority, via david.ridley@caa.co.uk.

