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Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015

AIR NAVIGATION (RESTRICTION OF FLYING) (TT RACES) REGULATIONS 2018

Laid before Tynwald: 17 April 2018
Coming into Operation: 26 May 2018

The Department for Enterprise makes the following Regulations under Article 92 of the Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015¹.

1 Title

These Regulations are the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (TT Races) Regulations 2018.

2 Commencement and duration

These Regulations come into operation on 26 May 2018 and cease to have effect at the end of 9 June 2018.

3 Interpretation

In these Regulations –

“**CAA**” means the Civil Aviation Authority of the United Kingdom;

“**Isle of Man controlled airspace**” means the airspace described as “Isle of Man Control Zone (CTR)” in section EGNS AD 2.17 of the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication published by the CAA;

“**NOTAM**” means a Notice to Airmen set out with the authority of the CAA in a document published by or under an arrangement entered into with the CAA and entitled “United Kingdom NOTAM” or “United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication” and for the time being in force;

“**the Coordinator**” means the Aviation Coordinator for the Isle of Man TT Races appointed jointly by the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Enterprise;

“**restricted airspace**” means the airspace referred to in paragraph (1); and

“**TT race course**” means the road race course illustrated in the Schedule.

¹ SI 2015/870 as amended by SI 2016/155

4 Restricted airspace

- (1) For the duration of these Regulations, an aircraft must not fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within –
 - (a) the area bounded by the TT race course; and
 - (b) an area 1000 metres wide outside and abutting on the TT race course,when that airspace is notified as being active by a NOTAM.
- (2) Paragraph (1) is subject to paragraph (3) and regulation 5.
- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft that—
 - (a) is flying with the permission of the Isle of Man Civil Aviation Administration;
 - (b) is flying with the permission of, and in accordance with any instructions given by, the Coordinator; and
 - (c) in the case of any part of the restricted airspace which falls within Isle of Man controlled airspace, is flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the Air Traffic Control Unit at the Isle of Man Airport.

5 Exceptions

- (1) Regulation 4 does not apply to –
 - (a) any twin-engined helicopter which is operated by Atlas Helicopters Limited and is being used for –
 - (i) the evacuation in an emergency of a sick or injured person from within an area specified in regulation 4(1); or
 - (ii) the transfer of a sick or injured person from any place in the Island to a hospital; and
 - (b) any helicopter which is operated by Polo Aviation Limited and is being used for aerial filming,subject to the conditions specified in paragraph (2).
- (2) A helicopter referred to in paragraph (1) must –
 - (a) be authorised to fly in accordance with a permission granted by the Department under rule 5(3)(b), (c) or (e) in Schedule 1 to the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007² as they have effect in the Island³; and
 - (b) comply with any instruction given by the Coordinator.
- (3) Regulation 4 does not apply to any small unmanned surveillance aircraft which is operated by the holder of a permission issued by the

² SI 2007/734 as amended by SI 2007/1371

³ SD 835/08

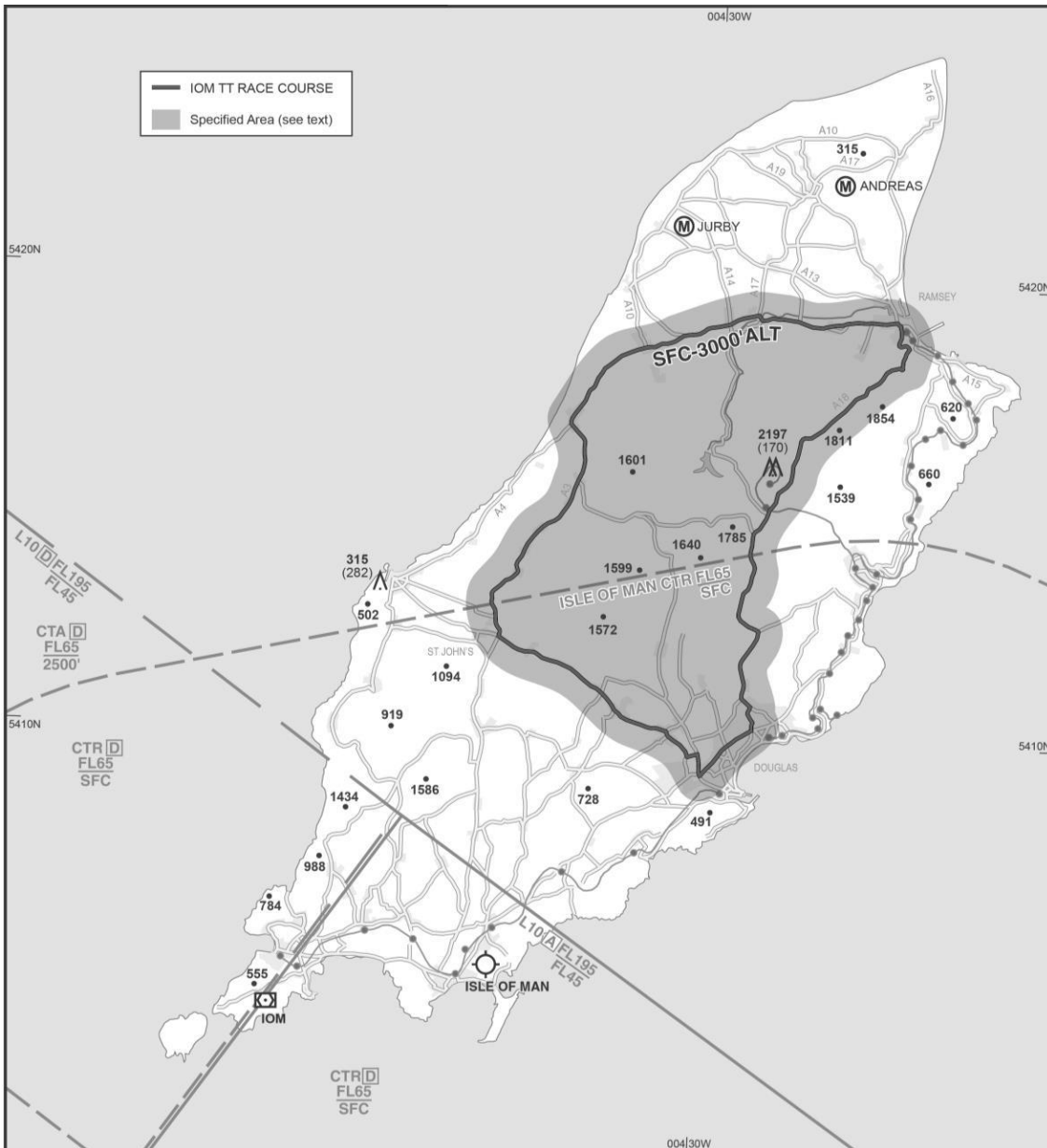
Department in accordance with Article 98(1) of the Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015 and which—

- (a) is used in accordance with the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between the operator and the Isle of Man Emergency Services; and
- (b) complies with any instruction given by the Coordinator.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying in the vicinity of the Isle of Man TT road race course so as to keep the airspace clear in case of a possible need to evacuate any sick or injured person by air. The restrictions also prevent disruption to authorised helicopters undertaking aerial filming of the races and prevent unauthorised aviation activity (including the use of drones) from interfering with the races directly.

Flying is temporarily restricted below a certain height in the area specified in regulation 4 during the Isle of Man TT road races between 26 May 2018 and 9 June 2018 inclusive. The dates and times when flying is restricted will be promulgated in advance by a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

Contravention of the restriction is an offence under the Air Navigation (Isle of Man) Order 2015 (SI 2015/870) as amended, and is punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding £2,500.