



Ministry  
of Defence

Defence Airspace and Air Traffic  
Management (DAATM)

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Dear CAA Airspace Regulation,

**SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA (SPTA) – REDUCTION IN NOTIFIED HOURS OF  
ACTIVATION OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS POLICY**

1. In accordance with the current CAA Policy, Reduction in Notified Hours or Disestablishment of Airspace Restrictions dated 20 December 2019, the MOD have provided supporting evidence here to demonstrate that the Policy has been considered and adhered to.
2. **Statement of Need.** The need to modernise our Airspace includes the modernisation of Flexible Use of Airspace (FUA) volumes. This includes the management protocols where these areas are normally segregated for operations that are not compatible with General Air Traffic (GAT). MOD and NATS have identified the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas, utilised by DIO as several areas that will benefit from modernisation. This strategy supports National and European policy for Airspace Management (ASM). The Joint Future Airspace Development Team (JFADT) has reviewed the Salisbury Plain Training Area and, together with the DIO, agree there is a requirement to modernise the Salisbury Plain Danger Areas to benefit the UK Network and support Flexible Use of Airspace Policy.
3. **Stakeholders and Adjacent Airspace Structures.** NATS and MOD have been engaging on enhancements to the subject airspace for a number of years. This engagement has been consistent through several forums including the FUA State Programme, Joint Future ATM Development Team (JFADT), the UK AMC and CAA Airspace Management Steering Group (AMSG). In accordance with CAA policy, an AIC to inform airspace users of the intended change (subject to CAA approval) has been drafted and will be submitted for publication prior to AIRAC publication date. Acceptance from stakeholders include the MOD, NATS Ops and Procedures and UK AMC.
4. Furthermore, NATS Procedures will lead the update of the LoA between NATS (En Route) PLC, Headquarters DIO OR and DTE SW SP Salisbury Plain and MOD Boscombe Down to reflect this proposal. All signatories are aware of the changes and the need to update this LoA. This and other operational documentation will be updated (and signed) in due course once the ACP is approved.
5. **AIP Content.** This change will impact UK AIP ENR 5.1 and ENR 6.75. Below are the proposed textual changes to ENR 5.1, all other information already included in the AIP has been checked and remains extant:

## ENR 5.1 Proposed changes:

ENR 5.1	Current Entry	Proposed Update	Current Entry	Proposed Update
Identification and Name	Upper - lower LimitSystem/ means of activation announcement/ information for Civil Flights	Upper - lower LimitSystem/ means of activation announcement/ information for Civil Flights	Remarks and time of activity	Remarks and time of activity
<b>Lateral Limits</b>  EG D123 IMBER 511724N 0020107W – 511339N 0015746W – 511348N 0015705W – 511023N 0015325W – 511006N 0015702W – 511106N 0020713W – 511329N 0021149W – 511516N 0020939W – 511705N 0020312W – 511724N 0020107W	Upper limit: 50000 FT ALT Lower limit: SFC	Upper limit: 50000 FT ALT Lower limit: SFC	Vertical Limits: Upper Limit: Up to ALT 50000 0615- 2359 (0515-2300). Upper Limit: Up to ALT 3000 (OCNL notified up to ALT 50000) 2359-0615 (2300-0515).  Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS) / Electronic/Optical Hazards.  Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.  Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 674730 when open.  Remarks: SI 1963/1293, SI 1981/1882.  Danger Area Authority: DIO. Hours: H24	<b>AMC Manageable.</b> <b>Vertical Limit 3000 FT ALT            H24.</b>  <b>Vertical Limit Up to ALT            23000 FT Mon-Thu 0800-            2359 (0700-2300) Fri 0800-            1730 (0700-1630).</b>  <b>Vertical Limit OCNL notified            to altitudes up to ALT            50000 FT by NOTAM.</b>  Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS) / Electronic/Optical Hazards.  Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.  Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 674730 when open.  Remarks: SI 1963/1293, SI 1981/1882.  Danger Area Authority: DIO.  Hours: <b>See Above.</b>
EG D124 LAVINGTON  A circle, 1.5 NM radius, centred at 511527N 0015812W	Upper limit: UNL Lower limit: SFC	Upper limit: UNL Lower limit: SFC	Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS) / Electronic/Optical Hazards.  Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.  Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury	<b>AMC Manageable.</b>  Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS) / Electronic/Optical Hazards.  Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.  Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710.  Remarks: SI 1981/1882.  Danger Area Authority: DIO.

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<p>EG D125 LARKHILL</p> <p>511828N 0015004W — 511059N 0014641W — 511023N 0015325W — 511348N 0015705W — 511339N 0015746W — 511724N 0020107W — 511807N 0015635W — 511828N 0015004W</p>	<p>Upper limit: 50000 FT ALT Lower limit: SFC</p>	<p>Upper limit: 50000 FT ALT Lower limit: SFC</p>	<p>Vertical Limits: Upper Limit: Up to ALT 50000 0615-2359 (0515-2300). Upper Limit: Up to ALT 3000 (OCNL notified up to ALT 50000) 2359-0615 (2300-0515).</p> <p>Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft Systems (VLOS/BVLOS) / Electronic/Optical Hazards.</p> <p>Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.</p> <p>Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 674730.</p> <p>Remarks: SI 1965/1327, SI 1981/1882.</p> <p>Danger Area Authority: DIO. Hours: H24</p>	<p>AMC Manageable. Vertical Limit 3000 FT ALT H24.</p> <p>Vertical Limit Up to ALT 23000 FT Mon-Thu 0800-2359 (0700-2300) Fri 0800-1730 (0700-1630).</p> <p>Vertical Limit OCNL notified to altitudes up to ALT 50000 FT by NOTAM.</p> <p>Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft Systems (VLOS/BVLOS) / Electronic/Optical Hazards.</p> <p>Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.</p> <p>Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 674730.</p> <p>Remarks: SI 1965/1327, SI 1981/1882.</p> <p>Danger Area Authority: DIO. Hours: See Above</p>
<p>EG D126 BULFORD</p> <p>511621N 0013746W — 511525N 0013606W — 511247N 0013759W — 511233N 0013942W — 511044N 0014308W — 511059N 0014641W — 511351N 0014759W thence clockwise by the arc of a circle radius 5 NM centred on 510912N 0014504W to 511354N 0014225W — 511621N 0013746W</p>	<p>Upper limit: 1400 FT ALT Lower limit: SFC</p>	<p>Upper limit: FL 90 Lower limit: SFC</p>	<p>Vertical Limits: OCNL notified to FL 90.</p> <p>Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS).</p> <p>Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.</p> <p>Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 01980-674730 or Boscombe Down ATC, Tel: 01980-663246.</p>	<p>Vertical Limit 1400 FT ALT H24</p> <p>Vertical Limit OCNL notified up to FL 90 by NOTAM.</p> <p>Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS).</p> <p>Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.</p> <p>Contact: Pre-flight information / Booking: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 01980-674730 or Boscombe Down ATC, Tel: 01980-663246.</p>

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EG D128 EVERLEIGH  511852N 0014215W – 511621N 0013746W – 511354N 0014225W thence anti-clockwise by the arc of a circle radius 5 NM centred on 510912N 0014504W to 511351N 0014759W – 511828N 0015004W – 511852N 0014215W	Upper limit: 1400 FT ALT Lower limit: SFC	<b>Upper limit: 50000 FT ALT</b> Lower limit: SFC	Vertical Limits: OCNL notified up to ALT 50000.  Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS).  Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.  Contact: Pre-flight information: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 674730.  Remarks: SI 1981/1882.  Danger Area Authority: DIO. Hours: H24	<b>AMC Manageable</b>  <b>Vertical Limit 1400 FT ALT H24</b>  <b>Vertical Limit OCNL notified to altitudes up to ALT 50000 FT by NOTAM.</b>  Activity: Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives / Para Dropping / Unmanned Aircraft System (VLOS/BVLOS).  Service: DACS: Boscombe Down ATC on 126.700 MHz when open; at other times DAAIS via London Information on 124.750 MHz.  Contact: Pre-flight information: Salisbury Operations, Tel: 01980-674710 or 674730.  Remarks: SI 1981/1882.  Danger Area Authority: DIO. Hours: <b>See Above</b>

6. **Proposed Effective AIRAC date.** The proposed implementation date for this change is 6 Oct 22 with back-up date of 3 Nov 22. Cut-off date for AIRAC submission is 8 Jul 22 and 5 Aug 22 respectively. Regarding promulgation of an AIC, the AIC effective date is proposed as 25 Aug 22 with back-up date of 22 Sep 22. Cut-off dates for AIC publication are 15 Jul 22 and 12 Aug 22 respectively.

7. **Legislation/Statutory Instruments.** The MOD have reviewed the relevant SIs and found that the following are applicable to this ACP as listed in ENR 5.1 of the UK AIP; SI 1963/1293 and SI 1965/1327. Both SIs state no overflight below an altitude that would preclude en-route civil traffic from utilising the efficiencies proposed by this ACP in (EG D123 no overflight below 30000ft and EG D125 no overflight below 48000ft). Therefore it is proposed for EG D123 and EG D125, that an LoA between the MOD and NATS includes permission for civil controllers to overfly these DAs provided that a suitable buffer is added to the notified upper level of the DA activity. This follows the precedence set by a similar agreement for EG D113A/B and EG D115 A/B (Castlemartin and Manorbier). SI 1970/1282 is applicable to EG D126 stating no overflight below 1400 ft and SI 1981/1882 does not refer to the DA airspace; therefore neither SI impacts this proposal.

8. **Environmental Assessment.** As this change is only relating to the amendments how upper levels of the DAs are promulgated, it is difficult to predict the environmental impact of this change. It is anticipated that there should be a small environmental benefit to airspace users as they will be able to flight plan to route over, rather than around the danger areas resulting in

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potential reductions on fuel uplift. Additionally due to the simple nature of the change, in that it is not disestablishing airspace, merely standardising the management of it, the MOD and NATS believe that an environmental assessment is not required. This mirrors the previous similar JFADT ACPs.

9. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification pertaining to this proposed change.

*Yours sincerely,*

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