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GA PILOTS ASKED NOT TO BLUNT THE ARROWS THIS SUMMER: REDS' DISPLAY DATES RELEASED

The Red Arrows' 2010 aerobatic display programme, and the resulting temporary airspace restrictions, will soon be under way. The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has published the details in Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) M024/2010, available on the Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) website at http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2010_M_024_en.pdf

Every year a number of displays by the RAF team are infringed by other aircraft, leading to disrupted displays, safety hazards to the Red Arrows and the infringing aircraft, and of course disappointment for thousands of spectators if the show has to be cancelled. Last year the CAA prosecuted one pilot and issued warnings to two others for infringing a temporary restricted area, which had been put in place for a Red Arrows' display.

In many cases the infringements occur because pilots have not briefed themselves fully before flying. One of the easiest ways to check on airspace restrictions (including temporary restrictions such as Red Arrows displays) is by checking NOTAMs on the AIS website, and by calling the dedicated AIS freephone facility on 0500 354 802. Checking NOTAMs and the AIS Freephone are vital planning actions - it's essential that both are checked as airspace restrictions can be subject to change.

There are several ways of obtaining pre-flight information when planning flights:

- Check the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), AIP Supplements and AICs (also available free of charge at www.ais.org.uk)
- Check NOTAMs (available free of charge on the AIS website, www.ais.org.uk, or contact the NOTAM Office on 020 8745 3451 or 3450 (24-hour facility)).

- NOTAMs are also available in the form of Pre-Flight Information Bulletins (PIB) using a live database. PIBs may also be accessed through the NATS website, www.nats.co.uk/operational/pibs, should the AIS website be unavailable.
- As close to departure as possible call the AIS freephone on 0500 354 802 (+44 208 750 3939 from outside the UK)

Useful information on avoiding airspace infringements is available online at www.flyontrack.co.uk.

Phil Roberts, Assistant Director of Airspace Policy in the CAA, said: “The Red Arrows entertain thousands of people every year, yet unfortunately their displays are often disrupted by the actions of badly prepared pilots. Wherever and whenever you fly this summer make sure you are properly briefed and that you don’t end up as an infringement of display airspace.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. The term ‘Restricted Area (Temporary)’, or ‘RA(T)’ describes the airspace restrictions established temporarily around airshows and other events (full details can be found in AIC 123/2006 (Yellow 225) dated 7 December 2006).
2. AICs are updated on the last Thursday of every month and can be found on the AIS website, www.ais.org.uk
3. The full details of the Red Arrows UK displays this summer are listed below.
4. The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator. Its regulatory activities range from making sure that the aviation industry meets the highest technical and operational safety standards to preventing holidaymakers from being stranded abroad or losing money because of tour operator insolvency.

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RAF Cosford

Kemble

Kemble

Margate

Biggin Hill

Biggin Hill

Whitehaven

Goodwood

Goodwood

RAF Waddington

RNAS Yeovilton

Silverstone

Shrivenham

Farnborough

Fairford

Fairford

Beltring

Wittering

Farnborough

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Farnborough

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510033N 0023819W

520436N 0010029W

513621N 0013757W

511639N 0004632W

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