



**EXTRACT FROM THE RULES OF THE AIR AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS 1981.**

Rule 5 (1) (d) An aircraft shall not fly –

- (i) over, or within 3,000 feet of, any assembly in the open air of more than 1,000 persons assembled for the purpose of witnessing or participating in any organised event, except with the permission in writing of the Authority and in accordance with any conditions therein specified and with the consent in writing of the organisers of the event; or
- (ii) below such height as would enable it to alight clear of the assembly in the event of the failure of a power unit.

Provided that where a person is charged with an offence under the Order by reason of a contravention of this sub-paragraph, it shall be a good defence to prove that the flight of the aircraft over, or within 3,000 feet, of the assembly was made at a reasonable height and for a reason not connected with the assembly or with the event which was the occasion for the assembly.

- (e) An aircraft shall not fly closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle or structure.
- (2) (c) Paragraphs (1) (d) and (1) (e) of this Rule shall not apply to the flight of an aircraft over or within 3,000 feet of an assembly of persons gathered for the purpose of witnessing an event which consists wholly or principally of an aircraft race or contest or an exhibition of flying, if the aircraft is taking part in such race, contest or exhibition or is engaged on a flight arranged by, or made with the consent in writing of, the organisers of the event.
- (4) Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit any aircraft from flying in accordance with normal aviation practice, for the purpose of taking-off from, landing at or practising approaches to landing at, or checking navigational aids or procedures at, a Government aerodrome, an aerodrome owned or managed by the Authority or a licensed aerodrome in the United Kingdom or at any aerodrome in any other country.

Provided that the practising of approaches to landing shall be confined to the airspace customarily used by aircraft when landing or taking-off in accordance with normal aviation practice at the aerodrome concerned.

The Air Navigation Order 1980 also states:

**Imperilling safety of aircraft**

- 45 A person shall not recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft, or any person therein.

**Imperilling safety of any person or property**

- 46 A person shall not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property.