



# Civil Aviation Authority Information Notice Number: IN-2015/077



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## Highlands Restricted Area (EG R610 A/B/C/D) – Procedures for Activation and Notification

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

| Applicability:                 |                                                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Aerodromes:                    | Not primarily affected                          |
| Air Traffic:                   | Not primarily affected                          |
| Airspace:                      | All NATMAC Representatives                      |
| Airworthiness:                 | Not primarily affected                          |
| Flight Operations:             | All AOC Holders and PAOC Holders, All GA Pilots |
| Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel: | All Pilots                                      |

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Highland Restricted Area (EG R610 A/B/C/D) was previously established to offer protection to military aircraft engaged in IMC operational low-flying (OLF) training within the Scottish Highlands. In recent years the amount of such flying carried out by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has reduced significantly; therefore, it was decided that the current restrictions of flying were disproportionate and not an effective use of airspace. It was agreed that an improved mechanism should be sought to enable the easement of restrictions whilst enabling its re-establishment on a temporary basis for any future OLF training by the MoD. As such on 4 August 2015, the Statutory Instrument which established the Highland Area (EG R610 A/B/C/D) was revoked.

### 2 Scope

- 2.1 The scope of this Information Notice is to promulgate the changes to airspace reservations relating to the Highlands Restricted Area (HRA) known as EG R610 A/B/C/D and is effective immediately.

### 3 Information

- 3.1 Following revocation of the Statutory Instrument, all restrictions of flying relating to EG R610 A/B/C/D are cancelled. The area will be re-established and promulgated, by J-series NOTAM, with adequate warning time when required for OLF training. To aid navigation for the occasions that the area is established, it will remain on all relevant charts; future iterations of

the CAA 1:500,000 and 1:250,000 charts will show the area boundaries as a hatched red line signifying that the area is not permanently established. The listing in the UK AIP found at ENR 5.1 will be amended to outline procedures for establishment and notification. In addition, an AIC will be issued detailing supplementary information relating to the granting of entry permissions and approved helicopter transits routes applicable when the HRA is established.

## 4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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Principal Airspace Regulator  
Airspace Regulation  
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CAA House  
45-59 Kingsway  
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## 5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 12 November 2015.