

**Information notice about temporary regulations in the French Airspace
during the 2021 Tour de France**

Foreword



The 108th edition of the cycling « Tour de France » is scheduled from June 25th to July 18th, with altogether 21 legs all around France, in a large variety of landscapes.



This document is made to inform pilots about the specific regulations, and/or temporary modifications in the French air space during the « Tour ».



The different legs or « stages » and all details in English may be found on <https://www.letour.fr/en/>, page « route ».

The race itself, preceded by a long advertising caravan, with cars and motorbikes about 1 :45 hour before the racers, is overflown by several aircraft, flying at different altitudes

These aircraft include film crews, VIP liaison flights, and several helicopters or fixed wings on every stage. The whole dispositive is re-enforced during mountain legs, or race against the clock. The aircraft will land on the airports nearest to the cities where the race stops overnight.

In this aeronautical context, the creation of temporary restricted areas (TRA) in mountain areas has been a rule for several years.



This dispositive is made to avoid blocking VFR flights; it offers routes between the helicopters protected areas and the relay aircraft. However, as there will be a lot of traffic, **we strongly recommend avoiding flying over the Tour de France during the stages.**

In any case, it is absolutely mandatory to respect air rules, and the conditions of penetration of the airspace published in Notams, AIC or AIP Sup.



This document concerns only the French territory.

In order to guarantee flight safety, and particularly the safety of the aircraft covering the event, the French council of national air sports federations (CNFAS), is asking all air sports federations to circulate this document as much as possible, not only in France but also in European countries, so that pilots stay away from the race. Furthermore, in mountainous regions, the passage of the Tour may limit the evolution possibilities of aircraft, and of the VFR principle: "See and avoid ».

The Tour is going around France in very touristic regions, with a lot of people at this time of year, especially from the moment when the advertising caravan arrives until the last racers have gone.

So please circulate this document as much as you can.



If all pilots are behaving well, and stay away from the race, the event will be a success and allow the CNFAS to obtain less TRAs and constraints in the future.

Please do not forget to read aeronautical publications concerning airfields near to Tour route, as their activities may be reduced during the race.



We wish you good flights in France

The CNFAS airspace group



Air device

Filming helicopters

2 « Ecureuils » flying at very low altitude are overflown by two other aircraft which relay the images signals, at about 6500 ft asfc.

VIP liaisons helicopters

5 or 6 helicopters flying low along the race, from landing zone to landing zone.

Relay aircraft

Several airplanes flying over the race are used to relay communications signals. Above FL85 over plains, and at varying altitudes in mountain areas, they fly IFR and use the ATC services

Flying over the race outside mountain areas

One can find the dispositions with the following link:

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_circ_2021_a_009_fr.pdf

In particular, it is important to remember the following:

The attention of pilots is drawn upon the important concentration of aircraft nearby the Tour de France route, and the necessity to respect the French regulation about flying over cities, gatherings of people or animals, (arrêtés du 10 octobre 1957) and about helicopter traffic (arrêté du 17 novembre 1958).

Considering these preceding regulations and the specific context of the Tour de France, flying over the Tour legs is not allowed below the height of 1000 m (3300 Ft) above surface, except of the aircraft (fixed wings or helicopters) having obtained an authorization in advance.

Pilots are invited to read any complementary piece of information which could be made available, about access to air space and airfields located on the Tour route or nearby.

► The French federations believe that it is reasonable to stay at a minimum horizontal distance of 500 meters of the vertical plan of the Tour's road axis.

All the stages being altogether and entirely broadcast, the air device plan is set up on all the stages. The capacities (measures) of AIC 09/21 date june 17th 2021 and the recommendations of the CNFAS just take more importance, particularly for aerodromes and platforms nearby the road.

GA AERODROMES CONCERNED BY 2021 TOUR DE FRANCE EXCEPT FINISH TOWNS

Etape 1 26 juin	Aérodromes Brest, Lanvéoc, Quimper.
Etape 2 27 juin	Aérodromes Lannion, St Brieuc.
Etape 3 28 juin	Aérodromes Lorient, Pontivy.
Etape 4 29 juin	Aérodromes Redon, Rennes.
Etape 5 30 juin	Aérodrome Laval.
Etape 6 1 ^{er} juillet	Aérodromes Tours, Amboise, Châteauroux.



Etape 7 2 juillet	Aérodromes Vierzon, Bourges, Nevers, Autun.
Etape 8 3 juillet	Aérodromes Oyonnax, Bellegarde.
Etape 9 4 juillet	Aérodrome Megève. Altisurfaces Val d'Isère, Tignes.
Etape 10 6 juillet	Aérodromes Albertville, Chambéry, Le Versoud, Grenoble, Romans, Valence.
Etape 11 7 juillet	Aérodromes Avignon, Orange, Carpentras.
Etape 12 8 juillet	Aérodromes Pierrelatte, Orange, Uzès, Nîmes.

Etape 13 9 juillet	Aérodromes Nîmes, Montpellier, Pic St Loup, Béziers, Carcassonne.
Etape 14 10 juillet	Aérodrome Carcassonne.
Etape 15 11 juillet	Aérodromes La Llagonne, Ste Léocadie.
Etape 16 13 juillet	Aérodromes St Giron, St Gaudens.
Etape 17 14 juillet	Aérodromes Muret, St Gaudens, Luchon, Peyresourde.
Etape 18 15 juillet	Aérodromes Pau, Tarbes Lourdes, Tarbes Laloubère.
Etape 19 16 juillet	Aérodromes Pau, Libourne.
Etape 20 17 juillet	Aérodrome Libourne.

**FINISH TOWNS AIRFIELDS: Check aeronautical information on SIA website
for restrictions not figuring in this document**

Flying over the race in mountain areas

Helicopter flights for filming in mountainous areas make necessary specific air space dispositives, or « Helico TRAs » to facilitate the evolutions of these aircraft.

These TRAs also aim at enforcing the respect of the « 10th October 1957 Regulation » concerning flights over cities and gatherings of people/animals. They are limited in altitude at 3500ft above surface and sideways the protection at a distance of 0,75NM each way of the axis of the Tour's road.

Stages 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18 are concerned by these helicopter TRAs, especially in places with difficult access, and/or when the legs finish.

Opening/closing hours of these TRAs have been calculated according to the race schedule itself.

Relaying aircraft flights are ATC controlled flights.

The following table gives a synthesis of the different stages, with the air space dispositive and the links towards the Tour's website.

Stage 8	Saturday, Jul 3rd	Oyonnax / Le Grand-Bornand	AIP SUP 144/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-8
Stage 9	Sunday, Jul 4th	Cluses / Tignes	AIP SUP 145/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-9
Stage 10	Tuesday, Jul 6th	Albertville / Valence	AIP SUP 146/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-10
Stage 15	Sunday, Jul 11th	Céret / Andorre-la-Vieille	AIP SUP 147/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-15
Stage 16	Tuesday, Jul 13th	Pas de la Case / Saint-Gaudens	AIP SUP 148/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-16
Stage 17	Wednesday, Jul 14th	Muret / Saint Lary-Soulan Col du Portet	AIP SUP 149/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-17
Stage 18	Thursday, Jul 15th	Pau / Luz Ardiden	AIP SUP 150/21 jun 17th, 2021 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-18

Pilots are invited to plan their flights well ahead, and read the information available on the French AIS website "Service de l'Information Aeronautique" (SIA):

<https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/documents/supaip/aip/id/6>



Relay aircraft, flying IFR

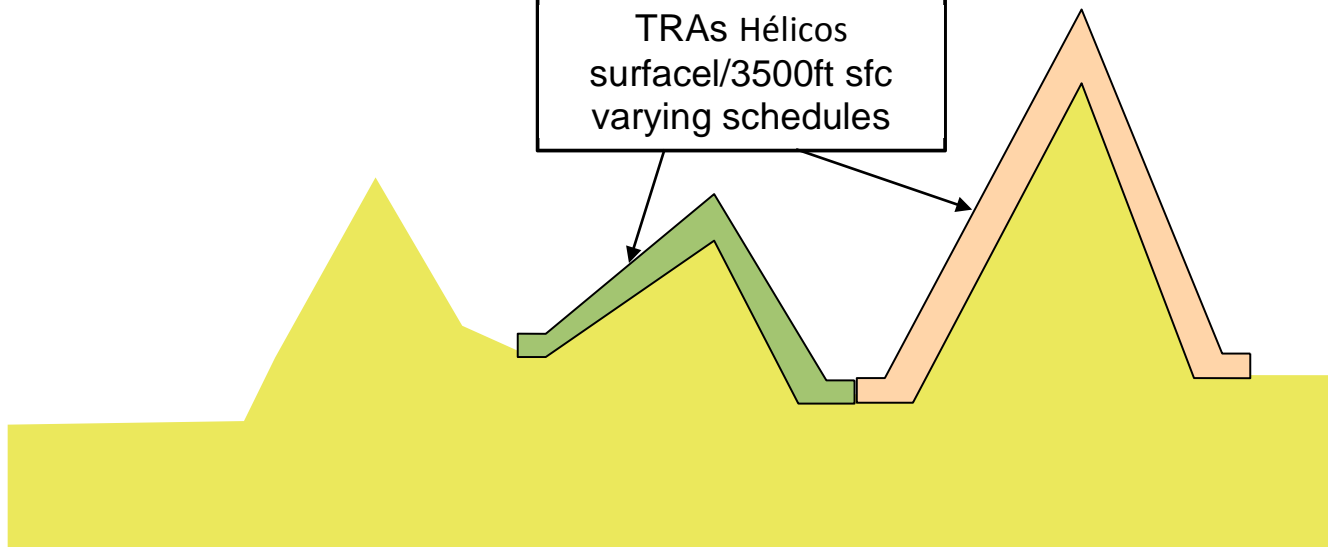


On the Tour's stages

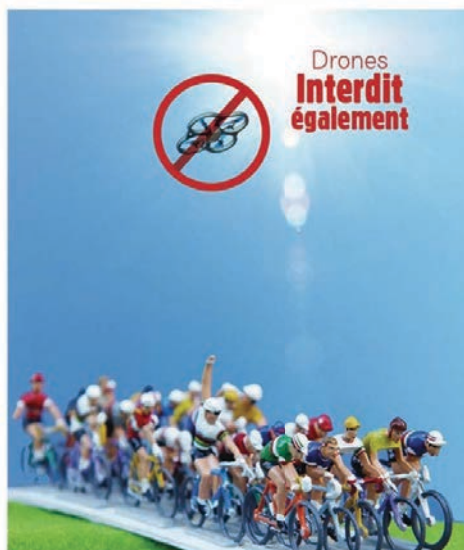
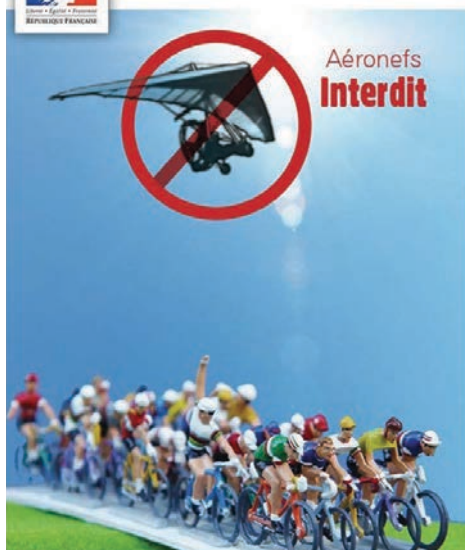
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No flying over the race

Mountain areas or areas with difficult access

TRAs Hélicos
surfacel/3500ft sfc
varying schedules



INTERDICTION DE SURVOL DU PARCOURS DU TOUR DE FRANCE



Les forces de l'ordre seront vigilantes en cas de non respect de l'interdiction de survol.
Outre la confiscation du matériel au titre de l'article L.6232-2 du code des transports, toute personne qui viole l'interdiction de survol s'expose à une peine d'un an d'emprisonnement et à 45 000 euros d'amende.

Your references on the SIA website

Saturday, Jul 3th Stage 8 Oyonnax / Le Grand-Bornand

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2021_144_en.pdf

Note: 1 helo TRA from Cluses / High terrain.

Sunday, Jul 4th Stage 9 Cluses / Tignes

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2021_145_en.pdf

Notes: 3 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Tuesday, Jul 6th Stage 10 Albertville / Valence

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2021_146_en.pdf

Note : 1 helo TRA from Albertville to Chambéry.

Sunday, Jul 11th Stage 15 Céret / Andorre-la-Vieille

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2021_147_en.pdf

Notes: 4 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Tuesday, Jul 13th Stage 16 Pas de la Case / Saint-Gaudens

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2021_148_en.pdf

Note 4 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Wednesday, Jul 14th Stage 17 Muret / Saint Lary-Soulan Col du Portet

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2021_149_en.pdf

Note: 3 helo TRAs from Loures Barousse / High terrain.

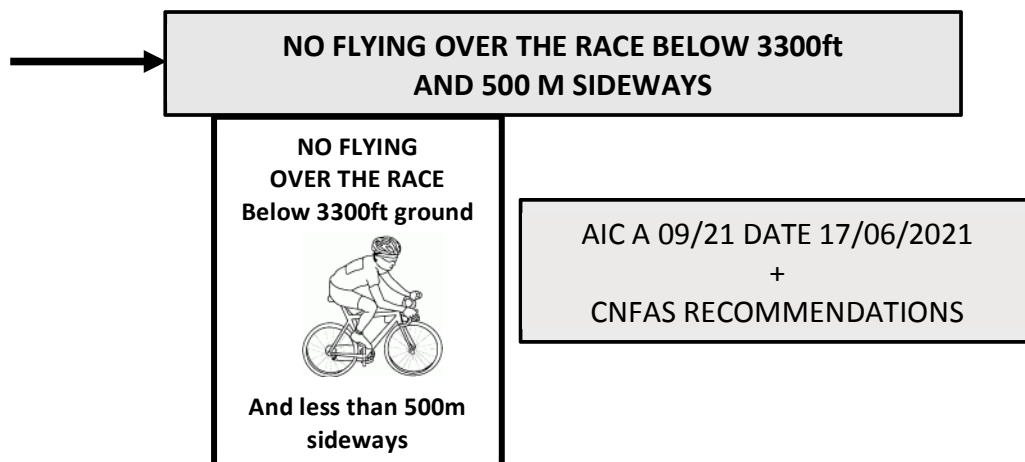
Thursday, Jul 15th Stage 18 Pau / Luz Ardiden

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Note: 3 helo TRAs from Bagnères de Bigorre / High terrain.

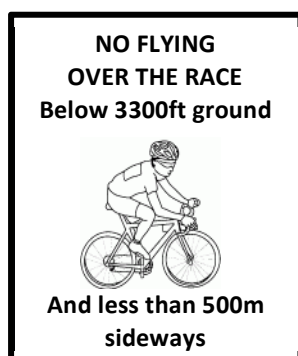
IN SHORT...

1/ FOR ALL LEGS



2/ FOR STAGES 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 AND 18...

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