

# MALDIVES CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY Republic of Maldives

## AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR AT 03/09

### REVISION TO AIRPORT FEE (BQ)

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#### 1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 The 11th amendment to the Airport Services Charge Act (Law Number 71/78) revising the Airport Service Charge has been ratified by the President on 05th May 2014, as passed by the Parliament on 27 April 2014.
- 1.2 The II<sup>th</sup> amendment ratified as Law number 15/2014, amends Article I(a) (I) of the Law number 71/78.

#### 2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Circular is to advise the airlines and the relevant authorities of the current provisions and application of the Law and make necessary arrangements to revise "Airport Fee (BQ)".

#### 3.0 REQUIREMENT

- 3.1 The II<sup>th</sup> amendment incorporates the following amendment to Article I(a) (I) of the Airport Service Charge Act (Law number 71/78)
  - A fee of United States Dollar 25.00 on every foreign passenger
- 3.2 Airport Services Charges Act (Law number 71/78) now stipulates;
  - a) Each passenger departing from an airport in the Republic of Maldives to a foreign destination shall pay a charge in the name of Airport Service Charge as follows;
    - 1. Foreign Nationals; United States Dollar 25.00
    - 2. Maldivian Nationals; United States Dollar 12.00

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- b) Airport Service Charge may be paid in Maldivian Rufiyaa or in a foreign currency accepted by the Maldives Monetary Authority.
- c) Exemptions;
  - Persons with diplomatic immunity
  - Foreign Officials of Government Ministerial level and above,
  - Passengers who transit Maldives for a period not exceeding 24 hours during his/her journey from one country to another
  - Infants under 2 years of age
- 3.3 Therefore, all Foreign and Maldivian nationals departing from an international airport in the Republic of Maldives to a foreign destination on or after 01st July 2014, shall pay a charge called Airport Fee (BQ) as stated below with the exemptions stated in paragraph 3.2 (c).

Foreign Nationals:

United States Dollar 25.00

Maldivian Nationals:

United States Dollar 12.00

- 3.4 Airlines operating international flights to/from airports in the Republic of Maldives are advised to take all necessary steps to include the revised fee under the Airport Fee (BQ) in the tickets issued and/or to travel on or after 01st July 2014 at point of sale.
- 3.5 Airlines or Airline Representatives are kindly requested to liaise with airport operators for conclusion of appropriate arrangement to resolve financial transactions pertaining to the above.

#### 4.0 APPLICABILITY

4.1 The requirements in this Circular apply to all airlines operating international flights to/from the Maldives, international airports and air transport sales agents.

#### 5.0 EFFECTIVITY

5.1 This Circular will come into effect on the 01st July 2014, and will supersede Air Transport Circular No. AT 03/09 (Issue 02) dated 14th December 2011.

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