

PART 18

AERODROME RULES

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18.1 APPLICATION

All persons on any part of the property comprising an airport managed or operated by the Authority shall be governed by the provisions of these Rules relating to such an airport and by any orders and instructions of the Authority relative to the use or occupation of any part of the property comprising the airport.

18.2 INTERPRETATION

In these Rules:-

- (1) "The Authority" means the Maldives Airports Authority; or other relevant Government Authority.
- (2) "Authorized person" means a member of the National Security Service or any person authorized by the Authority to perform the functions of an authorized person under these Rules;
- (3) "Airport" means an aerodrome licensed under these Regulations and managed and operated by the Authority.

18.3 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No person shall, within an airport:-

- (1) obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the airport;
- (2) obstruct any person acting in the execution of his duty in relation to the airport;
- (3) remain in the airport after having been required to leave it by an authorised person;
- (4) allow any motor vehicle or animal to be in the airport after having been required to remove it or its presence on the airport has been forbidden by an authorised person;
- (5) board or attempt to board an aircraft without the permission of the person in charge of it;
- (6) interfere or tamper with any aircraft without the permission of the person in charge of it;
- (7) smoke in or otherwise bring or light any naked light into or in:-
 - (i) any place where any such act is prohibited by notice; or
 - (ii) any place within 15 metres of an aircraft or a store of liquid fuel or explosives;
- (8) do any act causing or tending to cause an outbreak of fire;
- (9) throw, leave or drop anything capable of causing injury to any person or property;
- (10) climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing or post;
- (11) wilfully give any false alarm indicating that an emergency situation exists either on or in the vicinity of the airport or on any aircraft within the area customarily under the control of an airport air traffic control unit;

- (12) fail to put an aircraft in the place and position specified by an authorised person;
- (13) fail to moor or secure any stationary aircraft, which is not in a hanger, in such manner as will ensure that it does not constitute a hazard to persons or property;
- (14) drive or place a motor vehicle carelessly or dangerously or without consideration for other persons using the airport;
- (15) being the driver of a motor vehicle fail to stop when required to do so by an authorised person;
- (16) being the driver of a motor vehicle which is involved in an accident fail to give his name and address and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle to an authorised person;
- (17) being the driver of a motor vehicle fail to report to an authorised person any accident in which the vehicle is involved;
- (18) park a motor vehicle elsewhere than in a place provided for that purpose, either generally or in relation to a particular class of vehicles;
- (19) being the person in charge of a motor vehicle fail to remove it from any place where it may be parked upon being so required by an authorised person;
- (20) fail to keep any animal under control;
- (21) be drunk or intoxicated;
- (22) dispose of garbage, papers or refuse or other material in the airport except in the receptacle provided for that purpose;
- (23) travel other than on the roads, paths or places provided for the particular class of traffic;
- (24) occupy the roads or paths in such manner as to hinder or obstruct their proper use.

18.4 ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE AUTHORITY

- (a) No person shall, within an airport except with permission in writing of the Authority first obtained:-
- (1) remove, displace, damage, deface, or alter any building, structure or other property, whether real or personal (including any notice), forming part of or provided for or in connection with the airport;
 - (2) dig soil or cut or remove turf;
 - (3) sell or distribute anything, or offer anything for hire or sale, or make any offer of service;
 - (4) post, distribute or display any signs, advertisements, circulars or printed or written matter;
 - (5) leave a motor vehicle in the airport longer than is reasonably necessary for the transaction of the business for the purpose of which it was brought there;
 - (6) drive a motor vehicle elsewhere than in a place provided for the passage or accommodation of such vehicles;

- (7) fill or discharge from any container (including any part of a vehicle) liquid or gaseous fuel elsewhere than in a place approved for that purpose;
 - (8) light a fire elsewhere than in a place constructed for that purpose;
 - (9) remove, pick or otherwise damage any tree, shrub or plant;
 - (10) walk on or otherwise damage any flower bed or anything growing therein;
 - (11) operate any type of vehicle for the disposal of garbage, ashes or other waste material;
 - (12) operate any radio transmitting equipment except when such equipment is installed in an aircraft;
 - (13) hold any public meeting or public function;
 - (14) for commercial purposes take still or motion pictures or operate a television camera.
- (b) Any permission under this Rule may be given so as to apply to any persons, equipment or vehicles either absolutely or subject to such conditions as the Authority thinks fit.

18.5 CONTROL OF VESSELS

- (a) The Authority may by posting signs specify the places at which vessels may be moored or docked, the purpose for which such places may be used and the periods for which such places may be used.
- (b) Every person operating a vessel shall comply with the specifications of any sign so posted by the Authority.

18.6 VEHICLES

- (a) No person, having obtained permission of the Authority shall take any motor vehicle on to the area of the airport used by aircraft, unless a sticker or card issued by the Authority evidencing the Authority's permission is displayed on the vehicle.
- (b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle or mechanically propelled equipment on any taxiway, runway, strip or parking apron in an airport except in the course of his lawful duties and in accordance with any instructions which may be given to him by the appropriate air traffic services unit.

18.7 STRAY ANIMALS AND LIVE STOCK

It shall be lawful for the Authority or any authorised person, where in the opinion of the Authority or such person such action is necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft, to shoot, destroy or trap any livestock or animal found trespassing or straying on the airport.

18.8 ENTRY TO DESIGNATED AREAS

- (a) No person shall enter or remain within the precincts of any airport or any building or area therein in which are operated technical facilities or services for civil aviation except those areas specifically set aside for public use, in circumstances in which the safety of any aircraft or its passengers or crew is likely to be imperilled or the proper functioning of the airport impeded.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) the Authority or any authorised person shall be

entitled to control or prohibit access to any part of any such airport or any building, or area within any such airport used for providing technical facilities or services for civil aviation.

- (c) No person shall enter or be in any place at any such airport which is a designated area, without the general or specific permission of the Authority.
- (d) Any permission granted under paragraph (c) may be in such form as the Authority may determine and may be signified by document (hereinafter called an Airport Identity Card) issued by the Authority.
- (e) An Airport Identity Card shall remain the property of the Authority and shall be returned to it on demand.
- (f) It shall be an offence for any person falsely to represent himself to be the holder of an Airport Identity Card issued under this Regulation.
- (g) In the event of conflict between these Rules and any provision of Part 19, the provision of Part 19 shall prevail; accordingly a person authorized under Part 19 to enter any part of an airport may do so provided that he is in compliance with the provisions of that Part and notwithstanding that he is not in compliance with the provisions of these Rules.

18.9 REMOVAL OF PERSON ETC. FROM AIRPORT

An authorized person with such assistance as he requires may remove from the airport or any accident site:-

- (1) any person who, in contravention of any of these Rules, fails or refuses to leave the airport or accident site after being so requested by that authorized person;
- (2) any vessel, animal, or thing brought or left in the airport or accident site in contravention of any of the Rules or any vehicle, vessel or thing likely to cause danger or obstruction.

18.10 RESTRAINT OF PERSONS

An authorized person may place under restraint a person within an airport:-

- (1) if he has reasonable cause to believe that the person has contravened any of these Rules; or
- (2) if that person, in contravention of any of these Rules, fails or refuses to leave the airport or any particular part of it after being requested by the authorized person to do so.

18.11 STARTING ENGINES

It shall be an offence:-

- (1) for any person to start or run any engine in any aircraft in an airport unless such a person is the holder of a pilot's or aircraft maintenance engineer's licence;
- (2) for any person to leave unattended in any such airport any aircraft with any engine thereof running;
- (3) to start any engine in any aircraft in any such airport unless the aircraft is either provided with adequate parking brakes and use is made of such brakes or chocks have first been appropriately placed.