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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE AIRPORTS AUTHORITY ACT, CHAP. 49:02

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF WORKS, SETTLEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
UNDER SECTION 43 OF THE AIRPORTS AUTHORITY ACT

THE AIRPORTS REGULATIONS, 1987

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Airports Regulations, 1987. Citation

2. In these Regulations—

Definitions

“the Act” means the Airports Authority Act;

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“aerodrome” means a defined area on land or in water (including any building, installation and equipment) intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft;

“airside” means the manoeuvring and movement areas of an airport, adjacent terrain and buildings or portions thereof, access to which is controlled;

“apron” means that part of an airport used—

(a) for the purpose of enabling passengers to board or disembark from an aircraft;

(b) for loading cargo onto or unloading cargo from an aircraft;
or

(c) for refuelling and parking of aircraft;

“Authority” means the Airports Authority established under section 3 of the Act;

“Clearway” means a defined rectangular area on the ground or in the sea under the control of the Authority selected or prepared as a suitable area over which a departing aircraft may make a portion of its initial climb to a specific height;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police;

“Crown Point Airport” means the Crown Point Airport described in the Designation of Airports Notice, 1978;

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“Customs Area” has the meaning assigned to that expression in the Customs Act;

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“finger” means that part of an airport, which protrudes from the main terminal building by which passengers enter on arrival or departure;

“landside” means that area of an airport and buildings to which the non-travelling public has free access;

“manoeuvring area” means that part of an aerodrome used for the take-off and landing of aircraft and for the surface movement of aircraft associated with take-off and landing, but does not include an apron;

“movement area” means that part of an aerodrome used for take-off and landing of aircraft and for surface movement of aircraft and includes an apron;

“offensive weapon” means any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to or incapacitating a person or intended by the person having it with him for such use;

“Piarco International Airport” means the Piarco International Airport described in the Designation of Airports Notice, 1978;

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“police officer” has the meaning assigned to that expression by section 2 of the Police Service Act and includes—

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(a) a member of the Special Reserve Police established by the Special Reserve Police Act;

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(b) a person to whom a precept has been issued under the Supplemental Police Act;

“protected area” means an area declared by the Minister, by Order, under section 31 of the Act to be a protected area.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Applications 3. (1) All persons who are at any time on any part of an airport to which these Regulations apply shall be governed by these Regulations and by any general or particular orders or directions of the Authority.

(2) These Regulations apply to the Piarco International Airport and the Crown Point Airport.

Carrying on trade or business

4. (1) No person shall carry on any trade or business at an airport except with the approval of the Authority and under such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall require the discharge of a contract existing at the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations.

Soliciting

5. No person shall solicit for any purposes whatever within an airport without the approval of the Authority which approval shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine.

Advertising

6. No person shall post, distribute, or display any signs, advertisements, circulars, placards, printed, painted or written matter at an airport without the permission of the Authority and then only in such manner as the Authority may determine.

Restrictions on entry into certain areas

7. No person shall enter—

(a) a customs area except with the general or specific written permission of the Authority or Comptroller of Customs, or

(b) a protected area except with the general or specific written permission of the Authority,

and subject to such conditions as may be attached to the grant of such permission.

Photography

8. No person shall—

(a) for any purpose, take any still, motion or sound pictures in or of a customs area or protected area of an airport, or

- (b) for commercial purposes, take any still, motion or sound pictures in or of any area of an airport,

without the written permission of the Authority to which permission shall be attached such conditions as the Authority may determine.

9. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2) no person other than—

Radio
operation
at airport

- (a) pilots of aircraft,
- (b) authorised personnel of the Civil Aviation Division,
- (c) police officers and customs officers of the Customs and Excise Department,
- (d) fire services officers and members of the Defence Force,
- (e) authorised members of the staff of airlines, aircraft operators or their agents, or
- (f) authorised personnel of the Meteorological Services Division, the Immigration Department and the Authority,

shall operate a radio or radio equipment or wireless transmitting or receiving apparatus at an airport without the permission of the Authority, which permission shall be subject to such conditions as the Authority may determine.

(2) The entitlement of each person referred to in subparagraph (1) to operate equipment or apparatus at an airport is contingent upon his being on duty at the time of his operating the equipment or apparatus.

10. No person shall operate any radio equipment in an aircraft while the aircraft is in a hangar nor contrary to any telecommunication orders or any other enactment in force without the approval of the Director of Civil Aviation.

Radio
operation
in aircraft

11. No person shall—

Use of roads

- (a) travel on any airport other than on the roads, paths or places provided for the particular class of traffic;
- (b) occupy the roads or paths in a manner to obstruct their proper use;
- (c) operate any type of motor vehicle for any purpose whatever without the approval of the Authority and in accordance with the orders of the Authority or the direction of a police officer on duty at the airport.

CONTROL OF MOTOR TRAFFIC

12. (1) No vehicular traffic shall operate—

Direction
of traffic at
airport

- (a) on the landside, except in strict compliance with the directions of any police officer on duty;
- (b) on the airside, except with the approval of and in accordance with specific instructions from the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower.

(2) No motor vehicle shall be driven, parked, used or operated on the apron, taxiways, or runways at an airport without the approval and the specific instructions of the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower.

Operation of
vehicles and
ground
handling
equipment

13. (1) No person shall operate for hire or rental any motor vehicle whatsoever within an airport without the approval of the Authority and except in accordance with the orders of the Authority or the direction of a police officer on duty at the Airport.

(2) No person shall park unattended on the apron any ground handling equipment except in areas designated for the parking of such equipment.

Motor
vehicle
stops

14. (1) No motor vehicle shall stop at any place in an airport for the purpose of allowing passengers to alight from or to board it or to load or unload the baggage of passengers unless such stop is made at such places as may be designated by the Authority for the purpose.

(2) In this regulation "stop" means to remain stationary for as long as may be reasonably necessary to allow passengers to get on or off the motor vehicles or to load or unload the baggage of passengers.

General

15. (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle within an airport otherwise than in accordance with the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act except in cases of emergency which in the opinion of the Authority or a police officer on duty involves danger to life or property.

(2) The Commissioner may place, erect or display or cause to be placed, erected or displayed at an airport such signs for the direction of traffic as he may consider necessary for the proper control and regulation of vehicular traffic at that airport.

(3) All traffic signs placed, erected or displayed at an airport shall be deemed to have been placed, erected, or displayed in pursuance of subparagraph (2).

(4) No person shall at an airport operate a motor vehicle or cause a motor vehicle to be operated contrary to the directions of any police officer or contrary to the direction of a traffic sign.

(5) Pedestrians at an airport who are within pedestrian lane markings have the right of way over vehicular traffic.

(6) No person shall park, load or unload any goods vehicle at an airport other than at such place as may be designated for such purpose by the Authority.

Operation
of motorised
equipment

16. No person other than a person assigned to duty for the purpose shall operate any motorised equipment on the taxi tracks, aprons or aircraft landing areas at an airport except—

(a) with the approval of the Authority; and

(b) with the approval of and on the directions of the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower.

Operation of
vehicle under
influence of
alcohol, etc.,
prohibited

17. No person shall, while under the influence of any intoxicating or narcotic drug or liquor, operate or be in control of a motor vehicle, motorised equipment or aircraft of any kind at an airport.

Accident
reporting

18. (1) Every person involved in any accident on the landside of an airport and every witness thereto shall report the occurrence without delay to a police officer on duty at the airport and that police officer shall immediately inform the Authority thereof.

(2) Every person involved in any accident on the airside of an airport and every witness thereto shall report the occurrence without delay to the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower and to the Authority.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

19. (1) No person shall be at an airport while he is under the influence of any intoxicating or narcotic drug or liquor. **Disorderly conduct and narcotic drugs**

(2) No person shall commit any disorderly, obscene or indecent act or cause any nuisance or disturbance at an airport.

(3) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, have a narcotic drug in his possession at an airport.

20. (1) No person shall engage in any form of gambling at an airport. **Gambling**

(2) No person shall at any place at an airport operate or cause to be operated any gambling or gaming device.

(3) No person shall, at any place at an airport, be in any way involved in the operation of any gambling or gaming device.

21. No person shall— **Sanitation**

(a) deposit or dispose of any litter, garbage, papers, refuse or other material at an airport except in the receptacles provided for that purpose;

(b) use any sanitary convenience otherwise than in a clean, tidy and sanitary manner;

(c) deposit or dispose of cigarette butts, cigarettes, cigars, cigar butts, waste matches or any smoking material other than in the receptacles specifically provided for that purpose.

22. (1) No person shall wilfully destroy, damage, injure or deface any building, sign, marker or other structure at an airport. **Preservation of property**

(2) No person may without the permission of the Authority—

(a) remove or disturb in any way whatever any building, sign, fence, pipe, hose, coupling, post, gate, equipment, marker or other structure, or attempt to procure any other person to erect, alter, remove, paint, distemper or replace any building at the airport;

(b) lay any wire, cable, fence, pipe, line, net or any other material, or dig, excavate or bore or lay any road, track or path at an airport.

23. No person shall interfere or tamper with, or damage any part of an airport or any equipment, machinery, motor vehicle or appliance at an airport. **Tampering with airport equipment**

24. (1) No person shall, except with the permission of the Authority—

(a) place anything in or take anything out of an aircraft; or

(b) in any way whatever, interfere or tamper with any aircraft, or any cargo, baggage, equipment, or other goods on an aircraft or unloaded from an aircraft, or any cargo, baggage, equipment or other goods at an airport intended to be put on board an aircraft. **Tampering with aircraft, cargo, baggage, etc.**

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a person assigned to duty at an airport and acting in the execution of his duty.

Firearms,
ammunition
and inflamm-
able
materials

25. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), no person, other than a police officer or a member of the Defence Force on duty at an airport, shall carry or have in his possession or in his baggage any side arms, firearms, ammunition, explosives or inflammable material at an airport without the written permission of the Authority.

(2) Where police officers or members of the Defence Force who have obtained the necessary permission under this regulation, desire to carry explosives or inflammable materials to an airport, they shall first inform the Authority who shall make such arrangements for the carriage of the explosives or inflammable material as they may consider proper.

(3) Every person other than a police officer, a member of the Defence Force on duty at an airport and any other person specifically excepted in writing, shall declare and surrender all objects specified in subparagraph (1) in their possession forthwith on their arrival at the airport to the police at the airport.

(4) Where the person declaring and surrendering the objects is a passenger and he produces a lawfully issued export permit, a police officer appointed by the Commissioner for the purpose shall record the name, address, flight number, airline and destination of such passenger and cause the objects with the particulars of the passenger to be handed over to the custody and safe-keeping of the captain of the aircraft by which the passenger is due to depart, to be delivered to the passenger or handed over to the authorities at the passenger's destination to be dealt with according to the legal requirements of that country.

(5) No person shall import or bring into Trinidad and Tobago by air, any firearm, ammunition or explosives unless there is at the time of arrival in Trinidad and Tobago, in respect of such firearm, ammunition or explosives, a lawfully issued import permit.

(6) No person shall export by air any firearm, ammunition or explosives unless such person is in possession of a lawfully issued export permit.

Possession
of offensive
weapon

26. No person without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, shall have with him in an airport any offensive weapon.

Smoking and
exposure of
naked flames

27. (1) No person shall smoke on any of the following areas at an airport—

- (a) the apron;
- (b) the finger;
- (c) any fuel storage or refuelling area;
- (d) Customs and Airline Cargo Bonds, storage areas or warehouses;
- (e) on board any aircraft whilst such aircraft is parked anywhere at an airport;
- (f) all airport movement areas;
- (g) any other place at an airport indicated by a "No Smoking sign".

(2) No person shall expose a naked flame in any of the areas listed in subparagraph (1) unless he has the permission of the Authority to do so.

28. (1) No person shall bring into an airport a dog or other animal unless such dog or other animal has arrived by air or is intended for despatch by air or is a guard dog in the custody of a blind person or is a police dog being handled by a police officer on duty at the airport and such dog or other animal is restrained by leash or confined in such other manner as to be fully under control. Dogs

(2) The owner or person in control of or responsible for a dog or other animal which shall be found at large or unrestrained contrary to subparagraph (1) is guilty of an offence and in addition to any penalty imposed, the dog or other animal may be seized by any police officer, customs officer, member of the Defence Force or other person employed at the airport and shall be disposed of in such manner as the Authority may determine.

AIRCRAFT

29. (1) A person who finds a lost or misplaced article or an article which is not the property of the finder shall forthwith deliver up such article to a police officer on duty at the airport, who shall take the name and address of the finder. Disposal of lost or mislaid article

(2) Where the article was found on the airside, the police officer shall deliver it to a senior customs officer on duty at the airport for a determination as to whether the article is dutiable and for disposal as provided under the Customs Act.

(3) Where the article was found on the landside, the police officer shall deliver it to the nearest Police Station to be dealt with according to law.

30. (1) No person shall park an aircraft in any area at an airport other than that determined by and with the consent of the Airport Manager or his duly authorised representative and the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower. Parking and removal of aircraft

(2) No person shall remove an aircraft from its parked position on an airport other than with the consent of the Airport Manager or his authorised representative and the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower.

31. No person shall start or run an engine in an aircraft unless a competent person duly authorised by the owner of such aircraft or his authorised representative is in the aircraft attending the controls. Before starting the engine or engines in an aircraft, the wheels shall be adequately chocked. Running of engines

32. (1) No aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or other equipment or appliance thereof, shall be repaired in any part of an airport other than that specifically designated by the Airport Manager or his duly authorised representative and the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower. Repair and testing

(2) Except with the permission of the Airport Manager or his duly authorised representative and the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower, no person shall repair an aircraft or run up an aircraft engine for test purposes on the parking apron.

(3) No person shall test radar equipment on the parking apron without the permission of the Airport Manager or his duly authorised representative and the Air Traffic Controller on duty at the Control Tower.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Throwing articles over fence** 33. No person shall throw an article or substance of any kind over a fence at an airport.
- Sleeping and loitering** 34. No person shall by day or by night—
 (a) sleep on the floor of an airport;
 (b) loiter within fifty feet of the fence of an airport.
- Obligations of tenants** 35. (1) The lessees of hangars at an airport shall maintain bulletin boards in a conspicuous place for the purpose of posting all notices issued by the Authority, the Airport Manager or his duly authorised representative.
 (2) All tenants, lessees of hangars and lessees of shop facilities at an airport shall—
 (a) keep the area under his control clean and free from fire hazards;
 (b) provide in such hangars or shops accessible first-aid kits and fire appliances, approved by the Authority.
 (3) No tenant, lessee of any hangar, or lessee of any facility on an airport shall store or stock material or equipment in such manner as to constitute a hazard to personnel or property.
- Penalties** 36. (1) A person who contravenes these Regulations or any order or instruction issued by the Authority may be removed or ejected from the airport by a police officer on the instructions of the Authority and may be deprived of the further use of the airport and its facilities for such time as may be necessary to ensure the safety of the airport and the public.
 (2) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of these Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of twelve months.
- Airport Regulations, 1964 revoked Act No. 10 of 1965, Second Schedule** 37. The Airport Regulations, 1964 are revoked.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1987.

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 and Infrastructure*

Laid before the House of Representatives this 27th day of February, 1987.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Laid before the Senate this 10th day of March, 1987.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate