

PART IX FACILITATION

214. General provisions.- (1) The Chairman shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for dealing with customs, immigration and health procedures and such other matters concerned with the safety, regularity and efficiency of air navigation in pursuance of the Convention.

(2) The Chairman shall adopt all practical measures to facilitate and expedite navigation of aircraft and prevent unnecessary delays to aircraft crews, passengers and cargo.

215. Entry, transit and departure of civil aircraft on international flights.- All flights into, from or over Bangladesh territory and landings in Bangladesh territory shall be carried out in accordance with the permission issued by the Chairman.

216. The aircraft after landing at an international airport shall not proceed further unless the pilot-in-command or authorised agent has obtained a clearance certificate in writing from an officer duly authorised by the appropriate authority.

217. Scheduled flights.- (1) An airline operating scheduled flights must be designated pursuant to a bilateral agreement signed by the State in which the airline is registered, or obtain a special permission issued by the Chairman.

(2) The designated airline must have the appropriate operating authorisation in order to satisfy the Chairman that it is qualified to fulfil the conditions specified under the laws normally applied to the operation of international air services.

218. Non-scheduled flights.- If an operator intends to perform one or more non-scheduled flights originating from Bangladesh or destined for Bangladesh for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, cargo or mail, he shall apply to the Chairman well in advance of the intended landing. The application must include the following information, namely : -

- (a) name of operator;
- (b) type of aircraft and registration marks;
- (c) date and time of arrival at, and departure from, Bangladesh;
- (d) place or places of embarkation or disembarkation aboard of passengers or freight;
- (e) name, address and business of charterer; and
- (f) route of flight.

219. Transit and non-traffic stops.- If an operator intends to carry out one or more non-scheduled flights in transit across, or making non-traffic stops in the territory of Bangladesh, he shall notify the Chairman well in advance of the entry, The notification must include the following information, namely: -

- (a) name of operator;
- (b) type of aircraft and registration marks;
- (c) date and timing;
- (d) route of flight; and
- (e) intended duration of stay in the event of technical landing.

220. General aviation flights.- If an operator intends to perform one or more flights such as business flights, survey flights or agricultural flights in Bangladesh, he shall apply giving details of the flights to the Chairman for permission to carry out such operations.

221. Flights of State aircraft.- (1) If any State intends to perform a flight into Bangladesh to operate military, customs or police aircraft it shall apply to the Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for permission. The application must include the following information, namely : -

- (a) type, model and call sign of the aircraft;
- (b) registration marks;
- (c) agency to which the aircraft belongs;
- (d) captain's name and nationality;
- (e) names and nationality of the crew;
- (f) names and nationality of passengers other than the crew members (list shall be comprehensive);
- (g) time schedules and itinerary;
- (h) route proposed to be followed (with entry and exit points);
- (i) description of cargo, if any;
- (j) cruising level; and
- (k) type and quantity of fuel, if required.

(2) A certificate to the effect that "NO" war-like materials, such as arms, ammunition, explosives (except escape-aid explosives) pyrotechniques (except vary pistol signal cartridges), nuclear fissionable materials, chemical weapons, photographic equipment and materials (whether installed or not) electronic devices other than required for normal operation of the aircraft, are being carried by the aircraft.

(3) The provisions of sub-rules (1) and (2), except clauses (f) and (k) of sub-rule (1), shall also apply to foreign state aircraft intending to overfly Bangladesh territory.

222. Cabotage.- No passenger of freight originating at a point in Bangladesh and destined for another point in Bangladesh may be picked up by a foreign operator.

223. Documentary requirements.- (1) All airline operators shall, in pursuance to the Convention, submit the required documents in English to the appropriate authority for clearance on entry and departure of their aircraft to and from Bangladesh.

(2) If no passengers are embarking or disembarking or articles are laden or unladen, no aircraft documents except copies of the general declaration need be submitted to appropriate authorities.

224. Security provisions (carriage of weapons).- (1) Carriage of arms, explosive or dangerous goods by any person on board an aircraft is strictly prohibited.

(2) All persons shall declare their arms, ammunition, weapons, explosives and dangerous goods before embarkation to the operator.

(3) The carriage of weapons by (law enforcement officers and others) any authorised person may be allowed only when authorised by the Chairman.