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**CHAPTER 238**

**BELIZE AIRPORTS AUTHORITY REGULATIONS**

151 of 1991.  
37 of 1996.

*(23rd November, 1991.)*

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Short title.

**BELIZE AIRPORTS AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.**

**PART I**  
**PRELIMINARY**

- 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires- Interpretation.

“airport” means any area of land or water or of land and water designated as an airport under any law and specified in the Schedule to the Act; 27 of 1988.

“animals” includes any horse, mule, ass, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, dog or cat;

“Authority” means the Belize Airports Authority established in accordance with the Belize Airports Authority Act; 27 of 1988.

“authorised officer” means, in relation to any of the powers of an authorised officer under these Regulations, the Minister responsible for Civil Aviation, or a person authorised in writing by the Authority to exercise such power;

“Chief Executive Officer” means Chief Executive Officer of the Authority appointed pursuant to Section 32 of the Act; 27 of 1988.

“motor vehicle” and “public service vehicle” have the meaning respectively assigned to each in Section 2 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act; CAP. 192

“Police Officer” means a member of the Belize Police Department;

“Traffic sign” includes any speed limit sign, any mark on the surface of the roadway, any signal, whether an automatic electric signal or otherwise, warning sign post, direction post and sign or other device for the guidance or direction of persons using the roadways in an airport, which the Authority causes or permits to be placed on or near any such roadway.

## **PART II** **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Application of  
Regulations.

3. (1) Subject to subregulation 2 of this Regulation all persons who are at any time on any part of the Airport shall be governed by these Regulations and by general or special orders or directions of any authorised officer.

(2) Subregulation (1) shall not apply to members of the Belize Defence Force, British Forces Belize, Belize Police Department, Immigration Department or the Customs Department who are required to be on any part of the Airport in discharge of or by virtue of their official duties provided that the Authority is satisfied that the necessary precautions have been taken by such persons to ensure that the safety and security of the Airport operations is not jeopardized.

Prohibited Places.

4. (1) The following buildings, rooms and areas of land at the Airport are hereby declared to be prohibited places or areas as the case may be:

- (a) the air traffic control tower;
- (b) the air traffic control approach and border;
- (c) the radio transmission and receiving rooms;
- (d) the radio transmitting and receiving aerial towers;

- (e) the meteorological buildings and instrument sites;
- (f) the aviation fuel installations;
- (g) the storage buildings;
- (h) the secondary power supply generating rooms/air-ground lighting;
- (i) the electrical transformer and switchgear rooms and areas;
- (j) the airport telephone exchange;
- (k) the aircraft landings strip (including all runways, stop ways and clearways);
- (l) the taxiways;
- (m) the hangars;
- (n) all areas in which visual or electronic aids to navigation are sited whether within or outside the airport.

(2) No person shall enter or remain within a prohibited place or area without having in his possession a permit in writing signed by the authorised officer permitting him to be in such place or area.

5. (1) The following places at the airport are hereby declared to be restricted places:-

Restricted  
Places.

- (a) the airport parking apron;

(b) any place or enclosure indicated by a Notice posted at or in such place or enclosure to be -

(i) passengers arrival hall;

(ii) the passengers' departure lounge;

(c) the air cargo transit sheds.

(2) No person shall enter or remain within a restricted place other than-

(a) a person assigned to duty therein;

(b) a person authorised by an authorised officer;

(c) a passenger entering a restricted area for purposes of embarkation or disembarkation;

(d) a person authorised by the Comptroller of Customs;

Carrying on Trade or Business.

6. No person shall carry on any trade or business on the airport except with the written approval of the Authority and under such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine.

Soliciting.

7. No person shall solicit for any purpose whatsoever within the airport without the permission of an authorised officer.

Taxi Service.

8. (1) No person shall offer any services of any motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire or reward at the airport without having obtained from the Authority a Permit or an occasional permit in writing for that purpose.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) every permit granted under

paragraph (1) shall be subject to the condition that there shall be paid to the authorised officer in respect thereof at such times as the Authority determines an approved charge for each vehicle to which the permit relates.

(3) Where the authorised officer is satisfied that any vehicle to which a permit under paragraph (1) relates is not used in any month for the purposes of the permit, the fee prescribed by paragraph (2) shall not be payable in respect of that vehicle.

(4) Every occasional permit granted under paragraph (1) shall be subject to the condition that there shall be paid to the authorized officer an approved charge.

9. No person shall post or distribute signs, advertisements, circulars, printed or written matter at the airport without the approval of the authorised officer or otherwise than in accordance with the directions of the authorised officer.

Advertisement.

10. No person shall take still, motion or sound pictures for commercial purposes on the airport without the permission of the authorised officer.

Commercial Photographs.

11. No person shall-

Use of Roads and Paths.

(a) travel on the airport other than on the roads, paths or places provided for the particular class of traffic;

(b) occupy a road or path in such a manner as to obstruct its proper use.

Animals.

12. No person shall bring into the airport any animal which is not restrained by leash or confined in such other manner as to be under control.

13. Every person who finds a lost article at the airport shall forthwith deposit it at the office of the authorised officer who-

Lost of Articles found at Airport.

- (a) if the article is of a perishable nature shall dispose of it within reasonable time;
- (b) if the article is not of a perishable nature and the ownership thereof has not been ascertained within a period of sixty days, shall deliver it to the Commissioner of Police at the expiration of the period.

**PART III**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

Motor Vehicle on  
Runway etc.

14. No person shall drive a motor vehicle or other vehicle on a runway, stopway, clearway, taxiway or the aircraft parking apron without having first obtained the permission of the authorised officer.

Motor Vehicle  
Parking.

15. No driver of a motor vehicle or a public service vehicle in relation to which there is in force a permit granted under regulation 8 shall-

- (a) on arrival at the airport, park his vehicle;
  - (i) elsewhere than in the appropriate parking area provided for such vehicles,
  - or
  - (ii) otherwise than in accordance with the directions of the authorised officer or a Police Officer.
- (b) whilst on the airport, without the permission of the authorised officer or a Police Officer-
  - (i) remove his vehicle from the appropriate parking area provided for such

vehicles or from a place in which he has been directed to park by the authorised officer or a Police Officer; or

(ii) leave the place on which his vehicle is parked. Unauthorised Parking.

16. No driver of a motor vehicle, not being a vehicle in relation to which a permit has been granted under Regulations 8, shall on arrival at the airport park his vehicle

- (a) elsewhere than in the appropriate parking area provided for such vehicles, or
- (b) otherwise than in accordance with the directions of the authorised officer or a Police Officer.

Motor Vehicles Generally. 37 of 1996.

17. (1) No driver of a motor vehicle shall-

- (a) without the permission of the authorised officer or a Police Officer, leave his vehicle on the airport longer than is reasonably necessary for the transaction of the business for the purpose of which it was brought there;
- (b) pick up or set down passengers or passengers' baggage elsewhere than at such places as the authorised officer or a Police Officer may direct;
- (c) when picking up or setting down passenger or passengers' baggage, fail to comply with any directions given to him by the authorised officer or a Police Officer;

- (d) drive or place his vehicle carelessly or dangerously or without due consideration for other persons using the airport;
- (e) fail or refuse to stop his vehicle when required so to do by the authorised officer or a Police Officer;
- (f) fail to comply with any direction for the regulation of traffic given by the authorised officer or a Police Officer;
- (g) without reasonable excuse, fail or refuse to give his name and address and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle to the authorised officer or a Police Officer; or
- (h) without the permission of the authorised officer, take his motor vehicle into a hangar used for the maintenance or storage of aircraft.

(2) Where the driver of a motor vehicle contravenes subregulation (1) above, the Authority may remove such vehicle to such place as the Authority deems fit and if it appears that the vehicle has been abandoned the Authority may sell or otherwise dispose of such vehicle and its contents, if any, in accordance with the Act.

(3) A vehicle removed by the Authority pursuant to subregulation (2) above shall be held by the Authority and released only after the full payment of all reasonable costs arising from the holding of such vehicle, including reimbursement of the costs of advertisements, notices, or any other action consequential thereto.

Accidents.

18. Every driver of a motor vehicle which is involved in an accident on the

airport shall-

- (a) give his name and address and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle to the authorised officer or a Police Officer; and
- (b) forthwith report the accident to the authorised officer or a Police Officer.

Motor Lorries  
Omnibus and  
Carts.

19. No person shall-

- (a) drive a motor lorry into the airport otherwise than for the purpose of delivering passengers' baggage or other goods to the airport or of collecting the same therefrom; or
- (b) drive any cart into the airport; or
- (c) drive a motor omnibus into the airport for commercial purposes, without having first obtained the permission of the authorised officer.

Intoxication  
while in charge  
of Vehicle.

20. No person shall drive or attempt to drive or be in charge of a motor vehicle on the airport whilst under the influence of drink or a drug to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle.

Traffic Signs.

21. (1) The authorised officer may place, erect or display or cause to be placed, erected or displayed at the airport such traffic signs as he considers necessary for the proper control and regulation of vehicular traffic on the airport.

(2) All traffic signs placed, erected or displayed at the airport shall be deemed for the purposes of these Regulations to have been placed, erected or displayed in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) No person shall operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle on the airport contrary to any direction of a traffic sign placed, erected or displayed at the airport.

Prohibited Acts.

**PART IV**  
**GENERAL RULES AND CONDUCT**

22. No person shall, within the airport-
- (a) obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the airport;
  - (b) obstruct any person acting in the execution of his duty at the airport;
  - (c) obstruct the Chief Executive Officer, a security guard or other authorised officer or a Police Officer in the execution of a search of a vehicle that is entering or leaving a restricted or prohibited place or area, or
  - (d) fail to stop, or cause to remain stationary, a vehicle referred to in Regulation 17(c) when directed to stop, or move on and keep on moving, as the case may be, by an authorised officer or a Police Officer;
  - (e) remain on the airport after having been required by the authorised officer or a Police Officer to leave it;
  - (f) Allow any vehicle or animal to be on the airport after having been required by the authorised officer or a Police Officer to remove it therefrom;

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- (g) board or attempt to board any aircraft without the authority of the person in charge thereof,
  - (h) smoke in or otherwise bring into or light or ignite any inflammable substance in-
    - (i) any place where any such act is prohibited by notice; or
    - (ii) any place within 50 feet of an aircraft or a store of liquid fuel or explosives;
  - (i) do any act causing or tending to cause an outbreak of fire;
  - (j) throw, leave or drop anything capable of causing injury or damage to any person or property;
  - (k) climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing or post;
  - (l) willfully give a false fire or ambulance alarm or false report of an aircraft emergency or accident;
  - (m) walk on or otherwise damage any tree, shrub or plant;
  - (n) remove, pick or otherwise damage any tree, shrub or plant;
  - (o) swear or use any abusive, threatening or obscene language;
  - (p) behave in an indecent or disorderly manner;

Acts Requiring  
Permission.

- (q) be intoxicated; or
- (r) drop or leave litter elsewhere than in a receptacle provided for the purpose;

23. No person shall, without the permission of the authorized officer-

- (a) enter or leave the airport otherwise than through the gates and entrances for the time being provided for that purpose;
- (b) enter any part of the airport to which the public are not for the time being permitted;
- (c) remove, displace, damage, deface or alter any building, structure or other property whether movable or immovable (including any notice or traffic sign) forming part of or provided for or in connection with the airport;
- (d) dig soil or cut or remove grass therefrom;
- (e) fill or discharge from any container within the airport (including any part of a vehicle) liquid fuel elsewhere than in a place approved by the authorised officer for that purpose;
- (f) light a fire within the airport elsewhere than in a place provided for the purpose;
- (g) use at the airport radio transmitting or receiving equipment that is calibrated for transmission or reception on the aeronautical frequencies allocated for use at the airport; or

- (h) transmit on any frequency that is liable to cause interference with frequencies being used at the airport.

**PART V**  
**AIRCRAFT**

Prohibited Acts  
in relation to  
aircraft.

24. No person shall on the airport-

- (a) park or place an aircraft in any place or position other than that determined by the authorised officer;
- (b) fail to secure from movement in a manner satisfactory to the authorised officer any stationary aircraft which is not in a hangar;
- (c) without the permission of the owner or person in charge thereof
  - (i) tamper or interfere with any aircraft or anything used in connection with an aircraft;
  - (ii) start or run an engine of any aircraft;
- (d) start or run any aircraft engine in a hangar;
- (e) start or run any aircraft engine when-
  - (i) there is not in the aircraft a competent person attending the engine controls;or

(ii) the wheels of the aircraft are not adequately chocked;

(f) repair any aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller or any appliance thereof in any place on the airport other than that appointed for the purpose by the authorised officer; or

(g) without the permission of authorised officer-

(i) run any aircraft engine for test purposes; or

(ii) test any radar equipment in an aircraft on the aircraft parking apron.

Bulletin Boards,  
First-Aid  
Equipment and  
Storage.

#### **PART VI** **OBLIGATIONS OF TENANTS**

25. (1) All tenants and lessees shall ensure that their employees and agents are informed of all notices issued by the authorised officer by means of a bulletin board or any other effective medium.

(2) All tenants and lessees of hangars or shop facilities shall-

(a) provide in such hangars or shop facilities accessible first-aid kits and fire appliances approved by the authorised officer; and

(b) store or stock material or equipment in such a manner as not to constitute a hazard to persons or property.

Conditions of  
Issue of Permits  
etc.

#### **PART VII**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

26. (1) A permit, occasional permit or permission under any of these Regulations may be granted subject to such terms and conditions as the person granting it thinks fit.

(2) Where any permit, occasional permit or permission is granted under any of these Regulations subject to any terms and conditions and the person to whom the permit or permission is granted contravenes or fails to comply with any such term or condition, that person shall for the purposes of any criminal proceedings brought under these Regulations be deemed to have acted without having obtained the permit, occasional permit or permission, as the case may be.

Penalty.

27. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary convictions to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

Appeals.

28. Any person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Authority taken under these Regulations may appeal to the Minister, and the Minister may confirm, reverse or otherwise alter any such decision as he thinks fit.

**MADE** by the Minister responsible for Civil Aviation this 4th day of November, 1991.

**(CARLOS DIAZ)**

*Minister of Energy and Communications,  
Minister responsible for Civil Aviation*

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67 of 1989.

**CHAPTER 238**

Title.

**BELIZE AIRPORTS AUTHORITY**  
**(TRANSFER OF DEPARTURE TAX) ORDER**  
*(Section 21)*

*[1st July, 1989]*

Transfer of  
Departure Tax to  
B.A.A.  
CAP. 50.  
CAP. 238.

1. This Order may be cited as the Belize Airports Authority (Transfer of Departure Tax) Order.
2. It is hereby ordered that the departure tax collected at the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport by virtue of the Departure Tax Act, shall from time to time be transferred to the revenues of the Belize Airports Authority established under the Belize Airports Authority Act.

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