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*In the Name of God  
the Compassionate  
the Merciful*

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text is the Arabic text.**

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Date: 20/10/1426H

**With the help of Almighty God,  
We, Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud,  
King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,**

Pursuant to Article 70 of the Basic Law of Governance,  
issued by Royal Order No. (A/90), dated 27/8/1412H;

And pursuant to Article 20 of the Law of the Council  
of Ministers, issued by Royal Order No. (A/13), dated  
3/3/1414H;

And pursuant to Article 18 of the *Shura* Council Law,  
issued by Royal Order No. (A/91), dated 27/8/1412H;

And upon perusal of *Shura* Council Resolution No.  
(27/27), dated 11/6/1426H;

And upon perusal of Council of Ministers Resolution  
No. (252), dated 19/10/1426H;

**Have decreed as follows:**

First: The Law of Civil Aviation Tariff as per the attached  
form shall be approved.

Second: His Highness, the Deputy Prime Minister  
and the Ministers, each within their jurisdiction, shall  
implement this Decree of ours.

(Signed)

**Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz**



# Chapter One

## Definitions

### Article 1

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The following words and phrases, wherever mentioned in this Law, shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

**Kingdom:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**Territory:** Land and territorial waters under the sovereignty of the Kingdom, and the airspace thereover.

**Law:** Law of Civil Aviation Tariff.

**Regulations:** Implementing Regulations of the Law of Civil Aviation Tariff.

**Authority:** General Authority of Civil Aviation.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors of the General Authority of Civil Aviation.

**President:** President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation.

**Aircraft:** any machine that can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, other than the reactions of the air against the earth's surface.

**Aerodrome:** an area of land or water; including any buildings, installations and equipment designated, wholly or partially, for the arrival, movement or departure of aircraft.



**International Aerodrome:** an aerodrome designated by the Kingdom within its territory for entry and exit of international air traffic; where procedures pertaining to customs, immigration, health and quarantine, including animal and plant quarantine and other similar procedures are implemented.

**Regional Aerodrome:** an aerodrome designated by the Kingdom within its territory to receive scheduled domestic flights along with the provision of specific international aerodrome services; such as passports and customs procedures, for the purpose of receiving international flights, if the need arises.

**Domestic Aerodrome:** an aerodrome designated by the Kingdom within its territory to receive domestic flights only, without providing exit procedures, such as passports, customs ...etc.

**Charges:** amounts paid for services rendered by the Authority; such as navigational services, permit and license issuance and renewal, use of aerodrome installations and facilities ...etc.

**Rent:** an amount paid under an investment lease contract for property utilization or investment in commercial facilities; such as terminals, baggage service areas, buildings, lands, commercial outlets ...etc.

**Register:** Saudi National Aircraft Register, prepared and supervised by the Authority.

## Chapter Two

### Charges

#### Article 2

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National and foreign air carriage companies and establishments shall pay the charges for civil aviation services due for their operations and flights within, from, to and over the airspace of the Kingdom, in accordance with the provisions of this Law and its Regulations.

#### Article 3

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Due charges under this Law shall be paid in Saudi riyal or a convertible foreign currency.

#### Article 4

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Charges and rents prescribed under this Law shall be collected and deposited into the Authority's account with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, in accordance with applicable laws in the Kingdom. In case of default, a late payment fine not exceeding (30%) thirty percent of the due amount shall be collected.

## Article 5

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A departure fee of (50) fifty riyals shall be collected from each individual exiting the Kingdom through its aerodromes. The Board of Directors may exempt categories exemptible by international norms from this fee pursuant to the Regulations.

## Article 6

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An aircraft may not depart from an aerodrome prior to payment of all due charges, unless the entity to which such aircraft belongs has an official agent or representative in the Kingdom – approved by the Authority – to pay all due charges, in accordance with the provisions of this Law and its Regulations.

## Article 7

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Aircraft charges provided for in this Law shall be calculated based on the maximum weight an aircraft can carry, as shown in the airworthiness certificate of the aircraft. Fractions starting from (500) five hundred kg shall be rounded up in all weights. Any weight below that shall not count.

## Article 8

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The Authority shall collect due charges for air carriage operations and flights within, from and to the Kingdom in accordance with the Regulations for the following categories:

- 1- Landing.
- 2- Hangaring.
- 3- Air navigation for passing and landing aircraft.
- 4- Movement of passengers using different means of transportation, including movement of passengers from or to aircraft via jet bridges.
- 5- Security services for each aircraft departing from any aerodrome in the Kingdom. Transit aircraft of international flights and cargo aircraft shall be exempted.
- 6- Guarding services, for providing guarding services to aircraft upon request.
- 7- Aircraft towing upon the owner's request.
- 8- Use of vehicles and ground support equipment designated for aircraft services for one year or parts thereof.

## Article 9

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The Authority shall collect charges, to be specified in the Regulations, for issuance of the following permits:

- 1- Permits for access of air fields or terminals, including Hajj terminals for authorized persons.
- 2- Permits for driving vehicles within air fields for authorized persons holding a driver's license issued by the competent authorities.

In case of loss of a permit provided for in this Article, the competent authority shall issue a replacement pursuant to a procedure specified in the Regulations.

## Article 10

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The Authority shall collect charges, to be specified in the Regulations, for the following services:

- 1- Registration of aircraft in the Register upon issuance or renewal of registration certificates.
- 2- Issuance or renewal of aircraft airworthiness certificates, taking into consideration additional costs entailed by inspection of the aircraft outside the city of the relevant head office as well as round trip air travel expenses of the inspector-in-charge – for inspection purposes – from the city of the head office to the location of the aircraft, within or outside the Kingdom.
- 3- Issuance or renewal of repair station certificates upon issuance of aircraft repair station certificate. Said certificate shall be valid for one year, taking into consideration additional costs entailed by inspection of the aircraft outside the city of the head office in-charge as well as round trip air travel expenses of the inspector-in-charge – for inspection purposes – from the city of the head office to the location of the station, within or outside the Kingdom.
- 4- Issuance of a temporary permit to fly an aircraft from one location to another for maintenance, inspection, aircraft technical inspection ...etc.

- 5- Issuance or renewal of any of the following permits:
- a. Permits for agencies engaging in aircraft ground handling services.
  - b. Head office permits for air freight.
  - c. Branch office permits for air freight.
- 6- License issuance or renewal or administering tests for pilots, air and ground instructors, aircraft maintenance technicians, flight attendants, flight dispatchers, flight engineers and operation controllers.

## Article 11

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The Authority shall collect charges, as specified by the Regulations, for each meter of fuel pipes used for supplying aircraft within aerodrome area.

## Chapter Three

### Rent

#### Article 12

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Aerodromes shall be classified into three categories as follows:

- 1- International aerodromes.
- 2- Regional aerodromes.
- 3- Domestic aerodromes.

Each aerodrome category shall be determined pursuant to a decision by the President of the Authority.

#### Article 13

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The Regulations shall determine rules and categories of rents of facilities and sites of the Kingdom's aerodromes, as well as guarantees to be offered for payment of rents on maturity dates.

## Chapter Four

### Exemptions

#### Article 14

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First: The following aircraft shall be exempt from all types of charges:

- 1- Royal Saudi Aircraft.
- 2- Aircraft of Royal Saudi Air Force.
- 3- Aircraft of diplomatic corps and officials, provided they do not carry civilian passengers for a charge; conditional upon reciprocity.
- 4- Foreign military aircraft, provided they do not carry civilian passengers for a charge; conditional upon reciprocity.
- 5- Search and rescue aircraft, if the service provided is free of charge.
- 6- Aircraft exempt from fees under international agreements, a special agreement with the Saudi government or a bilateral agreement providing for reciprocity.
- 7- Aircraft departing from the Kingdom and returning for emergency technical reasons due to either equipment failure or bad weather.
- 8- Aircraft compelled to land at the Kingdom's aerodromes for technical reasons, force majeure or a fault occurring while in flight.



9- International Red Crescent and Red Cross aircraft.

10- Aircraft of the UN and affiliated bodies, if the service provided is free of charge.

Second: Saudi training aircraft, gliders belonging to clubs and amateurs as well as air show aircraft shall be exempted from all charges save for registration and airworthiness charges.

Third: Employees of the following entities shall be exempt from permit issuance charges stipulated in Article (9) of this Law:

- 1- Ministry of Defense and Aviation and affiliates as well as other government employees working in aerodromes whose responsibilities require access to aerodrome's terminals and air fields.
- 2- Accredited diplomatic missions in the Kingdom; conditional upon reciprocity, as well as international organizations.

## Chapter Five

### General Provisions

#### Article 15

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The Board of Directors shall determine, review, amend – as necessary – and approve charges and rent categories referred to in this Law, taking into consideration the following:

- 1- Charges and rent categories be in accordance with applicable standards and within internationally and regionally competitive prices.
- 2- Charges and rent categories be competitive so as to attract international and private airline companies and aircraft operators to land at the Kingdom's aerodromes and use their facilities and services.
- 3- The strategic importance of certain aerodromes in terms of high/low activity and differentiating between peak seasons and other times, whenever appropriate.

#### Article 16

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The Authority is the body in charge of the implementation of this Law and its Regulations, collecting charges provided for therein, leasing investment facilities within civil aerodromes and collecting revenues thereof and imposing fines – provided for in this Law – on violators, pursuant to this Law and its Regulations.

## Article 17

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Without prejudice to the law, authorized representatives of the Authority shall have the right to access records of airline companies and agencies or investors in aerodromes to verify charges and rent revenues or any document related thereto. Said representatives may seize such documents if found to be in violation of this Law and its Regulations.

## Article 18

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Any violation of the provisions of this Law and its Regulations not provided for herein, shall be subject to the Civil Aviation Law and Directives issued thereunder.

## Article 19

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The Board of Directors shall issue the Regulations as well as resolutions necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Law. The Board may delegate some of its powers.

## Article 20

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This Law shall repeal the Law of Civil Aviation Tariff, promulgated by Royal Decree No. M/47 dated 13/7/1403H and amendments thereto, and all conflicting provisions. Applicable directives of the Civil Aviation Law, not conflicting with the provisions of this Law, shall continue to be in effect until the issuance of the Regulations.

## Article 21

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This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall enter into force one hundred eighty days from the date of its publication.

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