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BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY
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AVSEC Order No. 03/2009

Sub : Security Functions to be carried out by aircraft operators.

In exercise of powers conferred by Section 5A of Aircraft Act 1934 delegated to him vide Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation Notification No. 1797 dated July 3, 1997, read with para-4 of DGCA Circular No. 9/1/2002-IR dated 28/9/07; and Regulations 6 and 7 of the Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2007 issued vide Gazette of India (Extraordinary) Notification No. AAI/LEGAL/GHREG/2007 dated 18.10.2007, the Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), for the purpose of securing the safety of aircraft operations, directs that the following activities **pertaining to aircraft operations** shall be treated as Aircraft Operators' Aviation Security Functions:

- i) Access control to the aircraft;
- ii) Aircraft security search/Security check during normal as well as bomb threat situation;
- iii) Screening of registered /unaccompanied baggage, cargo, mail and company stores etc.;
- iv) Surveillance of screened baggage till acceptance at check-in counters;
- v) Security control of the checked baggage from the point it is taken into the charge of aircraft operator till loading into aircraft;
- vi) Passengers baggage reconciliation/identification
- vii) Security of baggage tag, boarding cards and flight documents;
- viii) Security of mishandled/unaccompanied/transit /transfer baggage;
- ix) Secondary checks at ladder point of aircraft;
- x) Security of catering items from pre-setting stage till loading into aircraft;
- xi) Security control of express cargo, courier bags, cargo, company stores, parcels, mail bags and escorting from city side up to aircraft;
- xii) Receiving, carriage and retrieval of security removed articles;
- xiii) Any other security functions notified by the Commissioner from to time.

2. Despite the fact that the above activities are carried out on ground at the airports, keeping in view the AVSEC requirements under the current surcharged security scenario, these AVSEC functions cannot be mixed-up with other ground handling activities, and these AVSEC functions shall not be allowed by an aircraft operator/ airport operator to be undertaken by a Ground Handling Agency.

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3. The above mentioned security functions shall be carried out by the concerned airlines' security personnel who possess all competencies required to perform their duties and are appropriately trained and certified according to the requirements of the approved Security Programme of respective Aircraft Operator and the National Civil Aviation Security Programme of India.

4. Foreign airlines may enter into agreement with Indian Air carriers having international operation from that airport only after specific approval from the BCAS in each case.

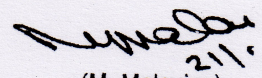
5. As approved by Ministry of Civil Aviation (GoI) vide letter no. AV-24013/004/2007-AAI dated 20th March 2008, the In-line screening of hold baggage to be transported by an aircraft operator from the airports in India, shall be carried out by trained and BCAS certified screeners of respective airport operator or NACIL or their JV at airports having In-line baggage Inspection System.

6. Screening and security control of Cargo consignments may also be undertaken by trained and BCAS certified screeners of Regulated Agents approved by the BCAS in accordance with the instructions issued by the BCAS from time to time.

7. The responsibility for all security related functions shall be with the airlines concerned. For this purpose, a security coordinator shall be designated by the respective airlines at each airport from where they shall have operations.

8. This order supersedes all instructions (except BCAS Cir. No. 4/2007) on the subject and shall come into force with immediate effect. Violation of this order will attract legal action under section 11A of Aircraft Act, 1934.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Security (CA)


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