

AD 1. AERODROMES - INTRODUCTION

AD 1.1 AERODROME AVAILABILITY

AD 1.1.1. General conditions

Commercial flights are not permitted to take off from or land at any aerodrome not listed in this AIP except in case of real emergency or when special permission has been obtained from the Department of Civil Aviation.

Landings made other than at an international aerodrome or a designated alternate aerodrome

If a landing is made other than at an international aerodrome or a designated aerodrome, the pilot-in-command shall report the landing as soon as practicable to the health, customs and immigration authorities at the international aerodrome at which the landing was scheduled to take place. This notification may be made through any available communication link.

The pilot-in-command shall be responsible for ensuring that:

- a) if training has not been granted to the aircraft at the previous landing, contact between other persons on the one hand and passengers and crew on the other is avoided;
- b) cargo, baggage and mail are not removed from the aircraft except as provided below;
- c) any foodstuff of overseas origin or any plant material is not removed from the aircraft. All food refuse including peelings, cores, stones of fruit, etc. must be collected and returned to the galley refuse container, the contents of which should not be removed from the aircraft except for hygiene reasons; in that circumstance the contents must be destroyed either by burning or by deep burial.

Traffic of persons and vehicles on aerodromes

Demarcation of zones

The grounds of each aerodrome are divided into two zones:

- a) a public zone comprising the part of the aerodrome open to the public; and
- b) a restricted zone comprising the rest of the aerodrome.

Movement of persons

Access to the restricted zone is authorised only under the conditions prescribed by the special rules governing the aerodrome. The customs, police, and health inspection offices and the premises assigned to transit traffic are normally accessible only to passengers, to staff of the public authorities and airlines and to authorised persons in pursuit of their duty. The movement of persons having access to the restricted zone of the aerodrome is subject to the conditions prescribed by the air navigation regulations and by special rules laid down by the Department of Civil Aviation.

Movement of vehicles

The movement of vehicles in the restricted zone is strictly limited to vehicles driven or used by persons carrying a traffic permit or an official card of admittance. Drivers of vehicles, of whatever type, operating within the confines of the aerodrome must respect the direction of the traffic, the traffic signs and the posted speed limits and generally comply with the provisions of the highway code and with the instructions given by the competent authorities.

Policing

Care and protection of aircraft, vehicles, equipment and goods used at the aerodrome are not the responsibility of the State or any concessionaire; they cannot be held responsible for loss or damage which is not incurred through action by them or their agents.

Plaine Corail aerodrome is available only for domestic flights unless prior permission has been obtained from the Department of Civil Aviation or in case of real emergency.

Use of the heliports

Unless permission has been granted by the Civil Aviation Department, the heliports may be used only for flights in accordance with Visual Flight Rules (VFR)

The TKOF zones at the heliports refer to zones which are free of obstructions. Pilots shall, before using the heliport, ensure that a clear approach and departure can be carried out and, in case of an emergency, that suitable landing sites are available along the planned track, taking into consideration the performance of the helicopter.

Landing, parking and storage of aircraft on aerodrome under the control of the Department of Civil Aviation

The conditions under which aircraft may land and be parked, housed or otherwise dealt with at any of the aerodromes under the control of the Department of Civil Aviation are as follows:

- a) The fees and charges for the landing, parking or housing of aircraft shall be those published from time to time by the Director of Civil Aviation in this AIP (or in AIC).

The fees or charges for any supplies or services which may be furnished to aircraft by or on behalf of the Director of Civil Aviation at any aerodrome under his control shall, unless otherwise agreed before such fees or charges are incurred, be such reasonable fees and charges as may from time to time be determined by the

Director of Civil Aviation for that aerodrome. The fees and charges shall accrue from day to day and shall be payable to the Director of Civil Aviation on demand.

- b) The Director of Civil Aviation shall have alien on the aircraft, its parts and accessories, for such fees and charges as aforesaid.
- c) If payment of such fees and charges is not made within 14 days after a letter demanding payment thereof has been sent by post addressed to the registered owner of the aircraft, the Director of Civil Aviation shall be entitled to sell, destroy or otherwise dispose of the aircraft and any of its parts and accessories and to apply the proceeds from so doing to the payment of such fees and charges.
- d) Neither the Director of Civil Aviation nor any servant or agent of the government shall be liable for loss or damage to the aircraft, its parts or accessories or any property contained in the aircraft, howsoever such loss and damage may arise, occurring while the aircraft is on any aerodrome under the control of the Director of Civil Aviation or in the course of landing at or taking off from any such aerodrome.

AD 1.1.2. Civil use of military air bases

There is no military air base in the Republic of Mauritius.