

# **BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BYELAWS**

**Made by Belfast International Airport Limited  
Under Article 18 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994**

## 1. **INTERPRETATION.**

In these Bye-laws:-

**"Aircraft"** means a heavier than air power-driven flying machine and includes aeroplane (land plane), aeroplane (sea plane), aeroplane (amphibian), aeroplane (self-launching motor glider), power lift (tilt rotor) and rotorcraft (helicopter and gyroplane).

**"Airport"** means the area of land for the time being constituting the Aerodrome known as Belfast International Airport and all buildings and structures for the time being thereon, the present boundaries for which are shown on the annexed plan and thereon edged by a red line.

**"The Airport Company"** means Belfast International Airport Limited, and where the context so requires references in these bye-laws to the Airport Company shall include a reference to any person engaged (whether by employment or otherwise by the Airport Company).

**"Airport Official"** means a person authorised by the Airport Company as an Official for the purposes of the Bye-laws.

**"Constable"** means a person appointed by the Airport Company to be a Constable on the Airport under Article 19 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994.

**"Private Hire Vehicle"** means a Vehicle, other than a Taxi or Public Service Vehicle, which is used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire or reward.

**"Public Service Vehicle"** means a Vehicle used in standing or plying for hire, or used to carry passengers for hire and is licensed under Article 61 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order.

**"Road Traffic Enactments"** means The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 and any statutory extension or modification amendment or re-enactment thereof and any regulations or orders made thereunder.

**"Restricted Zone"** means any part or parts of the Airport to which access is only available to specific persons who having satisfied pre-conditions set by the Airport Company, are permitted to have such access by the Airport Company.

**"Taxi"** means a Public Service Vehicle used in standing or plying for hire being a vehicle seating not more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver.

**"Vehicle"** means any mechanically propelled conveyance or manually operated apparatus on wheels and includes trailers, items of plant that operate as wheeled Vehicles and as static apparatus but does not include an Aircraft.

## **2. COMMENCEMENT**

These bye-laws shall be known as the Belfast International Airport Bye-laws and shall come into operation on the 11th day of January 2010.

## **3. PENALTIES**

Any person contravening any of the following bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale<sup>1</sup> for each offence, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding one-tenth of level 3, on the standard scale for each day on which the offence continues after conviction.

## **4. PROHIBITED ACTS**

### **(1) AIRCRAFT PARKING**

A person shall not place an Aircraft other than in the place and position designated by the Airport Company.

### **(2) SECURING AIRCRAFT**

A person in charge of any stationary Aircraft not in a hangar shall ensure that it is properly moored or otherwise secured from unlawful movement and from unlawful interference.

### **(3) EMERGENCY STOP, SWITCH etc.**

Except in an emergency, a person shall not wilfully and without good cause operate, or attempt to operate, any switch or lever, of any escalator, lift, travelator, track transit system or any other automatic conveyance for passengers, or other airport equipment, upon or near which is displayed a notice that prohibits such use save in case of emergency.

### **(4) FALSE ALARM**

A person shall not wilfully give a false fire, ambulance, bomb warning or other emergency alarm by any means.

### **(5) RADIO INTERFERENCE**

A person shall not operate or use, in such a way as to prejudice the operation of any communications or navigation systems at the Airport, any radio transmitter or other thing capable of radiating or generating electrical interference.

### **(6) SMOKING**

A person shall not smoke or bring a naked light into, or light any naked light in -

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<sup>1</sup> By virtue of Article 3(2) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 Level 3 on the standard scale is currently £1,000

- (a) any place where any such act is prohibited by a sign: or
- (b) any part of the Restricted Zone

(7) UNATTENDED BAGGAGE OR ITEMS CAPABLE OF CAUSING HARM

A person shall not leave any baggage or other item unattended in a public place or Restricted Zone or any object capable of causing harm to others unattended in a public place or Restricted Zone within the Airport

(8) TAMPERING WITH APPARATUS

Without reasonable excuse, a person shall not tamper with or misuse any apparatus used for or in connection with the control of access of persons or Vehicles to any part of the Airport, including any lift, escalator, travelator, conveyor belt, power operated gangway or any mechanical or electrical or electronic apparatus.

(9) MISUSE OF TELEPHONES

A person shall not tamper or interfere with or wilfully misuse any telephone or other apparatus provided for transmitting and receiving messages.

(10) PERSON REQUIRED TO LEAVE

A person shall not remain on the Airport after having been requested by a Constable or an Airport Official to leave, and no Constable or Airport Official, shall request a person to leave unless he has reasonable grounds to believe that that person has committed or is about to commit a breach of a bye-law or a criminal offence.

(11) PROHIBITED PERSONS

A person shall not enter the Airport except as a bona fide airline passenger, whilst having previously been prohibited from entering by a Constable or Airport Official.

(12) REFUSING SEARCH

Without prejudice to bye-laws number 4 (10) and 4 (11) a person whether a bona fide airline passenger or not who refuses to be searched or to have his baggage or any Vehicle in his charge searched by a Constable or any Airport Official shall not remain on the Airport or any part thereof having been requested by such Constable or Airport Official to leave, and shall not re-enter the airport except as a bona fide airline passenger willing to submit to such search as aforesaid.

(13) PERSONS TO KEEP ANIMALS UNDER CONTROL

A person shall not fail to keep any animals under control or permit any animal to foul any footpath or building, provided that in proceedings for an offence against this bye-law, it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove that they took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence.

(14) DRUNK ETC.

A person shall not be drunk or under the influence of drugs, or other intoxicating substances whilst on any part of the Airport.

(15) DEMONSTRATIONS ETC.

A person shall not organise or take part in any public assembly, public protest, demonstration or procession likely to obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the Airport or cause serious public disorder or obstruct or interfere with the comfort and convenience or safety of passengers or persons using the Airport.

(16) DISPLAY OF FLAGS OR EMBLEMS

A person shall not display any flags, banners or emblems likely to cause a breach of the peace on any part of the Airport.

(17) OBSTRUCTION

A person shall not intentionally obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the Airport, or with any person acting in the execution of their duty in relation to the operation of the Airport.

(18) LITTER

A person shall not throw, drop or otherwise deposit anything in such circumstances as to, or tend to, lead to the defacement by litter pollution or waste substances of any part of the Airport.

(19) REMOVAL AND MISUSE OF BAGGAGE TROLLEYS

A person shall not remove from the Airport any baggage trolley or misuse any baggage trolley provided for passengers at the Airport.

(20) LOITER ETC.

A person shall not loiter, frequent or remain on the Airport or any part thereof without reasonable cause.

(21) EMERGENCY EXITS

A person shall not obstruct any of the emergency exits at the Airport.

(22) DEFACE PROPERTY

A person shall not write, draw or affix any obscene, abusive or offensive word or words, representation or character upon or wilfully soil or defile any wall, structure, floor or pavement or any surface forming part of or used in relation to the Airport.

(23) CLEANING VEHICLES

A person shall not wash down or clean out a Vehicle of any description on the Airport except in areas designated for such purpose by the Airport Company.

(24) ALLOWING ANYTHING ON AIRPORT WHERE FORBIDDEN

A person shall not allow any Vehicle, animal or thing to be on the Airport, after having been required to move it, or after its presence on the Airport has been forbidden by a Constable or Airport Official.

(25) EVACUATION

Without reasonable excuse, no person shall in an emergency fail to evacuate or remain in any building on the Airport when instructed to by a Constable, an Airport Official or the Airport Company.

(26) DISORDERLY

A person shall not behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner on the Airport.

(27) OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

A person shall not use any language likely to cause offence or annoyance to any person.

(28) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC SIGNS ETC

A person shall not whether on foot or whilst driving or propelling a Vehicle neglect, fail or refuse to comply with an indication or direction given by a Constable or Airport Official or sign exhibited by or on behalf of the Airport Company

5. **ACTS FOR WHICH PERMISSION IS REQUIRED**

The following acts are prohibited except where the prior permission of the Airport Company has been obtained or unless the act is performed by a person acting with lawful authority. Where anything is permitted under these Bye-laws only upon the permission of the Airport Company or an Airport Official being first obtained, any permission so granted may be revoked at any time by the Airport Company or an Airport Official without any obligation to state the reason thereof:

(1) **RUNNING AIRCRAFT ENGINES**

A person shall not run an Aircraft engine in a hangar or in an area, other than that designated for that purpose by the Airport Company.

(2) **CLEANING AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT**

A person shall not clean, service or maintain Aircraft, Vehicles or equipment in areas other than those designated for that purpose by the Airport Company.

(3) **FIRE**

A person shall not light a fire or commit any act causing or likely to cause an outbreak of fire.

(4) **FILLING OR DISCHARGING LIQUID FUEL**

A person shall not fill or discharge from any container, including any part of a Vehicle, liquid fuel elsewhere than in a place approved for that purpose by the Airport Company.

(5) **CLIMBING**

A person shall not climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing or post.

(6) **ANNOYANCE**

A person shall not sing, dance, shout, play a musical instrument or erect or use any apparatus for transmission, receipt, recording, reproduction or amplification of sound, speech or images in such a way as to cause annoyance to any other person.

(7) PROHIBITION NOTICE

A person shall comply with all notices erected and displayed by the Airport Company prohibiting or restricting access to any person, animal, Vehicle or thing to any building, road or part of the Airport.

(8) ANIMAL GRAZING

A person shall not graze animals on any part of the Airport.

(9) DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

A person shall not:-

- (a) walk on or damage any flower bed, or remove, pick or otherwise damage any tree, shrub, plant, or grassed area: or
- (b) dig or cut or remove turf.

(10) ENTERING OR LEAVING THE AIRPORT

A person shall not enter or leave the Airport otherwise than through a gate or entrance for the time being provided for that purpose.

(11) OFFER OF SERVICE

A person shall not sell or distribute anything, offer anything for sale or hire or make any offer of services for reward.

(12) TAXI TOUTING

A person shall not stand or park a Taxi on the Airport for the purpose of plying for hire except under the terms of a written agreement between the Airport Company and a legally constituted body of which the owner of the Taxi is a member.

(13) PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

A person shall not cause or permit a Private Hire Vehicle except a Private Hire Vehicle authorised by the Airport Company to enter the Airport for the purpose of loading passengers provided that it shall not be an offence for a pre-booked Private Hire Vehicle to load passengers at a public car park or at a distance of more than half a mile from the Terminal Building or, with the consent of a Constable, or Airport Official, at any distance from the Terminal Building.



(14) DISPLAY SIGNS

A person shall not post, distribute or display signs, advertisements, circulars or other printed or written matter.

(15) BEGGING

A person shall not beg or solicit funds or contributions of any kind.

(16) GAMING

A person shall not remain upon or use the Airport for the purpose of bookmaking or betting or wagering or agreeing to bet or wager or paying or receiving or settling bets with any other persons.

(17) PHOTOGRAPHS

A person shall not take photographs or cinematographs of any kind.

(18) PROHIBITED ACCESS

A person shall not enter any part of the Airport to which members of the public are not for the time being admitted.

(19) REMOVAL OF PROPERTY

A person shall not remove, displace, damage, deface, or alter any building, structure or other property whether moveable or immovable (including any notice) forming part of or provided for or in connection with the Airport or erect or place on any part of the Airport any structure or property.

(20) ENTER OR GET ON ANY VEHICLE

A person shall not enter or get on or attempt to enter or get on any Vehicle, truck, trolley or Aircraft steps or tamper with the brake or other part of its mechanism.

(21) VEHICLE IN HANGAR

A person shall not take a Vehicle into a hangar used for the maintenance or storage of Aircraft.

**6. PROHIBITED ACTS ON PARTS OF THE AIRPORT TO WHICH THE ROAD TRAFFIC ENACTMENTS DO NOT APPLY**

The following acts are prohibited on any part of the Airport to which the Road Traffic Enactments do not apply:

(1) FAIL TO SET HANDBRAKE ETC

A person shall not cause or permit any Vehicle to be left unattended unless any parking brake or restraining device with which the Vehicle is equipped is properly engaged.

(2) NOT TO CAUSE DANGER WITH A VEHICLE

A person shall not use, cause or permit to be used any Vehicle in such a way as to cause danger or nuisance to any person.

(3) PASSENGER SAFETY AND INSECURE LOAD

A person shall not use, cause or permit to be used-

(a) any Vehicle unless such a Vehicle, and all parts and accessories of such Vehicle are at all times in such condition, and the number of passengers carried by such Vehicle, the manner in which the passengers are carried in or on such Vehicle, and the weight distribution, packing and adjustment of the load of such Vehicle are such that no danger is caused or likely to be caused to any person in or on such Vehicle or on the Airport; or

(b) any Vehicle unless the load carried by such Vehicle is at all times so secured, if necessary by physical restraint other than its own weight, and is in such a position that neither danger nor nuisance is caused or is likely to be caused to any person or property by reason of the load or any part thereof falling or being blown from such Vehicle, or by reason of any other movement of the load or any part thereof in relation to such Vehicle.

(4) FUEL AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS

A person shall not use, cause or permit to be used any Vehicle unless the condition of the fuel and exhaust systems is at all times such that no danger or nuisance is caused to any person or property.

(5) USE OF VEHICLES

A person shall not use, cause or permit to be used any Vehicle which fails to comply with any braking, steering, lighting, tyre or electrical requirements which apply to that type of Vehicle, if it were to be operated on a road to which the Road Traffic Enactments apply or use

cause or permit to be used any Vehicle where the safety locking devices are not in good working order.

(6) LIGHTS ON VEHICLES

A person shall not drive or leave any Vehicle, which does not comply with any of the lighting requirements, which apply on those parts of the Airport to which the Road Traffic Enactments apply.

(7) DRIVING OFFENCES

(a) A person shall not on the Airport drive a motor Vehicle -

- i) dangerously;
- ii) without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for the other persons using that part of the Airport;
- iii) at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour on the Airport's aprons or 25 miles per hour on the airfield perimeter roads or in excess of such other speed limit indicated by signs erected in conspicuous or appropriate positions; or
- iv) whilst drunk or under the influence of drink or drugs or other intoxicating substances.

(b) In this bye-law "dangerously" has the same meaning as in Article 11 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

(8) UNATTENDED VEHICLES

A person shall not on the Airport-

- (a) leave any Vehicle unattended when its engine is running.
- (b) leave any Vehicle with a removable ignition key unattended when the ignition key is in the Vehicle.

(9) DRIVE OR PLACE VEHICLE

A person shall not drive or place a Vehicle on the Airport elsewhere than in the places from time to time provided for the passage or accommodation of such Vehicle.

(10) PARKING

A person shall not leave any cargo or baggage or park any Vehicle or equipment elsewhere than in a place provided by the Airport Company for the accommodation of such cargo or baggage or the parking of such Vehicle or equipment.

7. **GENERAL**

(1) **REPORTING ACCIDENTS**

In any case on the Airport where an accident occurs, the driver of any Vehicle involved in the accident shall stop and shall report the accident to a Constable as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event before leaving the Airport.

(2) **TAMPERING WITH AIRCRAFT**

A person shall not tamper or interfere with any Aircraft or anything used in connection with any Aircraft.

8. **STATE NAME AND ADDRESS**

A person shall, upon being requested to do so by a Constable or an Airport Official, state his correct name and address and the purpose of his being on the Airport.

9. **REVOCATION OF BYE-LAWS**

The Belfast Airport Bye-laws made by Northern Ireland Airports Limited, on 16 December 1974 and confirmed by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 16 April 1975 are hereby revoked.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010

Present when the Common Seal of :  
BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT :  
LIMITED was affixed hereto:- :  
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The foregoing bye-laws are hereby confirmed by the Department for Regional Development

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010

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A Senior Officer of the Department

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Witness