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The Aircraft (Customs) Regulations 1971

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The Commissioners of Customs and Excise in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by sections 26, 33 and 54 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Aircraft (Customs) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on the 10th June 1971.

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"aircraft" includes all balloons, kites, gliders, airships and flying machines ;

"arriving in the United Kingdom" means the arriving of an aircraft in the United Kingdom from outside it and includes arrival at any customs airport to which the proper officer at the customs airport at which it first arrived has permitted an aircraft to proceed in continuation of its inward flight.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) applies for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Aircraft (Customs) Regulations 1952(**c**) are hereby revoked.

4.—(1) Save as the Commissioners otherwise permit, the commander of an aircraft arriving in the United Kingdom shall immediately—

(*a*) take the aircraft or cause it to be taken to the examination station at the customs airport at which the aircraft has arrived ; and

(*b*) make report of the aircraft by delivering to the proper officer, in such form as the Commissioners direct,

(i) a General Declaration ;

(ii) particulars of the goods on board the aircraft ;

(iii) a list in duplicate of the stores on board the aircraft ;

(*c*) produce to the proper officer such other documents relating to the flight as the officer may require ;

(**a**) 1952 c. 44. (**b**) 1889 c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1952/2228 (1952 I, p. 669).

(*d*) produce to the proper officer and, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of Regulation 5 of these Regulations, unload all goods in the aircraft except such as are to be carried on to another customs airport or to a foreign destination and are permitted by the proper officer to remain in the aircraft ; and

(*e*) unless the proper officer otherwise permits, deposit all goods unloaded from the aircraft in a transit shed at the airport ;

Provided that if through circumstances over which the commander has no control an aircraft is prevented from being taken to the examination station as required by sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph the commander shall—

(i) immediately make report of the aircraft as required by sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph ; and

(ii) remove all goods in the aircraft to a transit shed or other place as required by the proper officer.

(2) Any act required to be performed by the commander of an aircraft by virtue of sub-paragraphs (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of and the proviso to paragraph (1) of this Regulation may, subject to such conditions as the Commissioners see fit, be carried out on his behalf by a responsible person authorised for the purpose by the owner of the aircraft.

5. No person shall—

(1) unload, or permit the unloading, of any goods imported by air from the importing aircraft—

(*a*) except during such hours as the Commissioners may approve for the purpose ;

(*b*) without the authority of the proper officer ;

(*c*) except in accordance with the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations, at any place other than an examination station or such other place as the Commissioners may permit ; or

(2) remove or permit the removal of any such goods from an examination station or such other place as the Commissioners may permit without the authority of the proper officer except in accordance with any special permission granted by the Commissioners and in compliance with any conditions attached to the grant of such permission.

6.—(1) Save as the Commissioners may otherwise permit, no person shall remove any goods imported by air, not being baggage, from the examination station except to a transit shed or from a transit shed until due entry of the goods has been made.

(2) No person shall remove any goods imported by air from a transit shed without the authority of the proper officer.

7.—(1) No goods shall be loaded on an aircraft about to depart on a flight to an eventual destination outside the United Kingdom except with the authority of the proper officer and at the examination station at a customs airport or such other place as the Commissioners may permit.

(2) No passenger shall embark on any aircraft about to depart as aforesaid nor shall the commander or any other person permit any passenger so to

embark except with the authority of the proper officer and at the examination station at a customs airport or such other place as the Commissioners may permit.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the procedure to be followed on the arrival of aircraft in, and their departure from, the United Kingdom. Compared with the earlier Regulations amendments are made to the method of making report of arriving aircraft, and the former requirements to lodge a passenger manifest and to produce certain other documents are omitted. They supersede the Aircraft (Customs) Regulations 1952 and have been extended to cover customs requirements at airfields other than designated airports.

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