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This Bill would

- (a) make better provision for civil aviation in Barbados;
- (b) revise the law relating to Civil Aviation to accord with the Chicago Convention;
- (c) repeal and replace the *Civil Aviation Act, 2022* (Act 2022-19); and
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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to make better provision for civil aviation and to revise the law relating to Civil Aviation to accord with the Chicago Convention and to provide for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Civil Aviation Act, 2026*.

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

2. In this Act,

“act of unlawful interference” has the meaning assigned to it in section 104;

“act of violence” has the meaning assigned to it in section 104;

“accident” means an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft which, in the case of a manned aircraft, takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked, or in the case of an unmanned aircraft, takes place between the time the aircraft is ready to move with the purpose of flight until such time as it comes to rest at the end of the flight and the primary propulsion system is shut down, in which

- (a) a person is fatally or seriously injured as a result of
 - (i) being in the aircraft;
 - (ii) direct contact with any part of the aircraft, including parts which have become detached from the aircraft; or
 - (iii) direct exposure to jet blast,

except when the injuries are from natural causes, self-inflicted, or inflicted by other persons, or when the injuries are to stowaways hiding outside the areas normally available to the passengers and crew;

- (b) the aircraft sustains damage or structural failure which
 - (i) adversely affects the structural strength, performance, or flight characteristics of the aircraft; and
 - (ii) would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component,

except for engine failure or damage, when the damage is limited to a single engine (including its cowlings or accessories), to propellers, wing tips, antennas, probes, vanes, tires, brakes, wheels, fairings, panels, landing gear doors, windcreens, the aircraft skin (such as small dents or puncture holes), or for minor damages to main rotor blades, tail rotor blades, landing gear, and those resulting from hail or bird strike (including holes in the radome); or

- (c) the aircraft is missing or is completely inaccessible;

“aerodrome” means a defined area on land or water (including any buildings, installations and equipment) intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft;

“aerodromeoperator” means a person who operates an aerodrome and holds an aerodrome certificate issued by the Authority, in respect of that aerodrome and regularly provides scheduled, nonscheduled passenger operations, and cargo operations in accordance with this Act or Regulations made hereunder;

“aeronautical product” means anything that comprises or is intended to comprise any part of an aircraft or that is intended to be installed in or fitted or supplied to an aircraft, and includes fuel and other similar consumable items necessary for the operation of the aircraft;

“aeronautics” means

- (a) the operation, construction, repair or maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants and accessories, including the repair, packing and maintenance of parachutes;
- (b) the design, establishment, construction, extension, operation, improvement, repair or maintenance of airports, restricted landing areas or other air navigation facilities;
- (c) the transportation of persons or goods by aircraft; or
- (d) flight training;

“aircraft” means a 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;

“aircraft engine” means any engine used or intended to be used for propulsion of aircraft and includes all parts, appurtenances and accessories other than propellers;

“aircraft in flight” means any period from the moment when all external doors of the aircraft are closed following embarkation for flight until the aircraft is landed, processed and disembarked at its destination, and in the case of a forced landing, any period thereafter until the time when the competent authorities of the state in which that landing takes place take over responsibility for the aircraft and for persons and property on-board that aircraft;

“airman” means

- (a) any individual who is in command of an aircraft or an individual who is engaged as a pilot, mechanic or crew member or who navigates an aircraft while the aircraft is underway;
- (b) any individual in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling or repair of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers or appliances;

(c) any individual who serves in the capacity of flight operations officer;
or

(d) any individual who serves in the capacity of an Air Traffic Controller;

“air navigation” means the practice of controlling, guiding and operating aircraft from an airport of departure to a predetermined airport of destination, including alternate airports;

“air navigation facility” means any facility used in, available for use in or designed for use in aid of air navigation and includes aerodromes, airports, landing areas, lights, any apparatus or equipment for disseminating weather information, for signalling, for radio directional finding or for radio or other electromagnetic communication, and any other structure or mechanism having a similar purpose for guiding or controlling flight in the air or in the landing and take-off of aircraft;

“air navigation services” means services provided to air traffic during all phases of operations to ensure their safe and efficient movement, and includes

(a) air traffic control services, including air traffic control services for arriving and departing controlled flights, for controlled flights in controlled areas or for traffic within any manoeuvring area and other aerodrome traffic;

(b) air traffic advisory services provided within advisory airspace to ensure separation, insofar as is practical, between aircraft which are operating on flight plans in accordance with Instrument Flight Rules;

(c) flight information services;

(d) alerting services provided to notify appropriate organisations regarding aircraft in need of search and rescue aid, and to assist such organisations as may be required;

(e) communications, navigation and surveillance services;

(f) dissemination of meteorological information for air navigation;

- (g) search and rescue alerting coordination services; and
- (h) aeronautical information services for the provision of aeronautical information and data necessary for the safety, regularity and efficiency of air navigation;

“airport operator” means any person, organization or enterprise who or which holds an air operator certificate and undertakes to engage in domestic or international, commercial air transport whether directly or indirectly by a lease or any other arrangements;

“air operator certificate” means a certificate authorizing an air operator to carry out specified commercial air transport operations;

“airport” means any defined area of land or water intended or designed to be used either wholly or partly for purposes of the landing, departure, movement and servicing of aircraft, and includes any buildings, installations and equipment on or adjacent to such area and used for such or related purposes, and lawfully recognized as an airport;

“airport security officer” means an individual who has been appointed as a security officer by the aerodrome operator;

“airside” means the movement area of an airport, adjacent terrain, and buildings or portions thereof access of which is controlled;

“airspace” means airspace

- (a) over Barbados; and
- (b) administered by Barbados pursuant to an agreement;

“appliances” means instruments, equipment, apparatus, parts or accessories, of whatever description, which are used or are capable of being used in the navigation, operation or control of aircraft, including parachutes, communications equipment and any other mechanisms installed in or attached to aircraft during flight, and which are not part or parts of aircraft, aircraft engines or propellers;

“appropriate authority for aviation security” means the Authority responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme, National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme, and National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme;

“approved form” means such form as may be approved by the relevant authority;

“Authority” means the Barbados Civil Aviation Authority established under section 4;

“authorized officer” means any person authorized in that behalf by the Authority under section 71 for the purposes of that provision;

“aviation document” means

- (a) a licence, permit, certificate, authorization, or other document issued under section 49 in respect of any of the classes of persons, services or things specified therein;
- (b) any manuals, certificates, approvals, authorizations, permits, procedures, technical files, personnel files and personnel licences in respect of the purposes of section 70(m); and
- (c) any licence, certificate or other instrument issued by the Authority in respect of any person, aircraft, aerodrome or aviation related service, or such other document as may be approved by the Authority;

“aviation security” means a combination of measures and human and material resources intended to safeguard international civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference;

“aviation standards” means the technical details and terms and conditions relating to aviation documents issued and held under this Act, and which must be complied with by the aviation document holder;

“Barbados aircraft” means an aircraft registered in Barbados pursuant to Part X;

- “Board” means the Board of management of the Barbados Civil Aviation Authority established under section 8;
- “cargo” means any property carried on an aircraft other than mail, stores, and accompanied or mishandled baggage;
- “CASSOS Agreement” means the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System signed at the 29th Heads of Government Meeting in Antigua on the 3rd day of July, 2008;
- “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the relevant Committee or the Chairman of the Tribunal, as the case may be;
- “Chicago Convention” means the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on the 7th day of December, 1944 and includes any Protocol amending the Convention and any Annex to that Convention relating to international standards and recommended practices, being an Annex adopted in accordance with that Convention;
- “Civil Aviation Tribunal” means the Civil Aviation Tribunal established by section 115;
- “commercial air transport” means the carriage by air of passengers or cargo for remuneration or hire;
- “commercial air transport operation” means an aircraft operation involving the transport of passengers, cargo or mail for remuneration or hire;
- “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police as defined by section 2 of the *Police Act*, Cap. 167;
- “contracting state” means a country which is a party to the Chicago Convention;
- “crew member” means a person assigned by an operator to duty on an aircraft during a flight duty period;
- “dangerous goods” means articles or substances which are capable of posing significant risk to health, safety, property, or the environment when transported by air;

- “Director General” means the Director General of Civil Aviation appointed under section 22;
- “exemption” means an authorization, other than an approval, granted by the Authority providing relief from the provisions of the Civil Aviation Regulations, including exceptions, deviations, variations, alleviations, concessions and prolonged extensions or attachment of conditions;
- “explosives” means gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, blasting powder, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured flares and every other substance that has the capacity to explode, whether or not similar to those mentioned herein;
- “flight” means any period from the moment when all the external doors of an aircraft are closed following embarkation, until the moment when any of such doors are open for disembarkation;
- “former Act” means the *Civil Aviation Act, 2022 (Act 2022-19)*;
- “GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Practice which includes the accounting standards adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados;
- “ICAO” means the International Civil Aviation Organization;
- “incident” means an occurrence, other than an accident, associated with the operation of an aircraft which affects, or could affect, the safety of operation;
- “Inspector” means a person appointed as an inspector for the purposes of this Act and includes
- (a) a person authorized by the Authority to carry out inspections; and
 - (b) the Director General;
- “loss or damage” includes, in relation to individuals, loss of life and personal injury;

“manoeuvring area” means that part of an aerodrome to be used for the taking off, landing and taxiing of aircraft, excluding aprons;

“member” means a member of the Board or a member of a Committee, as the case may be;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Civil Aviation;

“National Air Transport Facilitation Committee” or “Facilitation Committee” means the Committee to be established by the Board with responsibility for facilitating national air transport;

“navigation of aircraft” includes the piloting of aircraft;

“operational” in relation to manuals and regulations means documents issued by the Authority to guide any operational aspect of the office of the Authority or to guide service providers and industry operators;

“operator” means a person who

- (a) engages in or offers to engage in aircraft operations;
- (b) causes or authorizes the operation of aircraft, in the capacity of owner, lessee or otherwise, whether with or without the control of the aircraft; and
- (c) is deemed to be engaged in the operation of aircraft within the meaning of this Act;

“person” as the context indicates, includes an individual, a body corporate, an organization, a business or an entity of any kind;

“pilot-in-command” means the pilot designated by the owner or air operator of an aircraft as the individual charged with the command and safe conduct of a flight or series of flights;

“prohibited area” means an area at an airport or at an air navigation installation to which entry is prohibited to the public;

“propeller” includes all parts, appurtenances and accessories of a propeller;

“public aerodrome” means an aerodrome which is under the management of a body corporate established, controlled or owned by the State;

“regulations” means any regulations made under this Act;

“restricted area” means an area at an airport or air navigation installation to which entry and operation to the public is restricted in accordance with certain specified conditions;

“Rules of the Air” means those provisions for securing the safety of aircraft in flight and movement on the surface and the safety of persons and property on the surface, including

- (a) lights and signals to be shown by aircraft;
- (b) General, Visual and Instrument Flight Rules;
- (c) Aerodrome Traffic Rules; and
- (d) aerodrome signals and markings;

“Security Committee” or “National Civil Aviation Security Committee” means the Committee to be established under section 99 with responsibility for national civil aviation security;

“serious incident” means an incident involving circumstances indicating that there was a high probability of an accident and associated with the operation of an aircraft which, in the case of a manned aircraft, takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked, or in the case of an unmanned aircraft, takes place between the time the aircraft is ready to move with the purpose of flight until such time as it comes to rest at the end of the flight and the primary propulsion system is shut down;

“serious injury” means an injury which is sustained by a person in an accident and which;

- (a) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received;

- (b) results in a fracture of any bone, except simple fractures to fingers, toes or nose;
- (c) involves lacerations which cause severe haemorrhage, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage;
- (d) involves injury to any internal organ;
- (e) involves second or third degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 per cent of the body surface; or
- (f) involves verified exposure to infectious substances or injurious radiation;

“state of registry” means the state on whose register the aircraft is entered;

“state of the operator” means the state in which the air operator’s principal place of business is located or, if there is no such place of business, the air operator’s permanent residence;

“strategic plan” means the plan prepared pursuant to section 34;

“territorial waters” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the *Barbados Territorial Waters Act*, Cap. 386;

“unmanned aircraft” means an aircraft, other than a model aircraft, that is designed to fly without a pilot on-board and is designed to operate remotely or is controlled from another place, or is programmed and fully autonomous;

“whistle-blower” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the *Whistleblower Protection Act, 2021* (Act 2021-29).

Application

3. This Act does not apply to aircraft used for military or police services except where otherwise indicated.

PART II

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Establishment of Civil Aviation Authority

4.(1) There is established a body to be known as the Barbados Civil Aviation Authority.

(2) The Authority is a body corporate to which section 21 of the *Interpretation Act*, Cap. 1 applies.

Functions of the Authority

5.(1) The functions of the Authority are

- (a) to regulate civil aviation operations in Barbados in accordance with this Act, including the operations of aircraft registered in Barbados and the maintenance of aircraft on the register;
- (b) to register and certify aerodromes and airports as appropriate and monitor the operations of aerodromes and airports;
- (c) to issue aviation documents for the purposes of this Act, and renew, suspend or revoke such aviation documents where necessary;
- (d) to maintain a standard of safety, security and efficiency in the civil aviation industry that is at least equal to the standard of safety and security prescribed by the Chicago Convention and any other aviation convention, agreement or understanding to which Barbados is a party, by developing and issuing appropriate, clear and concise aviation safety and security standards, codes, rules, requirements, specifications or other documents for the purpose of providing practical guidance or certainty to, or otherwise relating to
 - (i) the flight crew engaged in operations of aircraft;

- (ii) the design, construction, maintenance, operation and use of aircraft and related equipment;
 - (iii) the planning, construction, establishment, operation and use of aerodromes;
 - (iv) the establishment and use of airspace;
 - (v) the regulation of air navigation services;
 - (vi) the personnel engaged in the maintenance of aircraft and related equipment; or
 - (vii) any other matter that is the subject of any regulations made under this Act;
- (e) to identify and notify ICAO of any differences including significant differences in the safety and security operations of Barbados and the ICAO recommendations and ensure that any such differences are published in the Aeronautical Information Publication of Barbados; and
- (f) to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with national regional and international agencies and organizations on matters affecting civil aviation in Barbados;

(2) In performing its functions under subsection (1), the Authority shall have as its paramount consideration, the safety and security of aviation and shall, as far as is practicable, ensure that the environment is protected from any detrimental effects from the operation and use of aerodromes and aircraft.

(3) The Authority shall establish an information database consisting of aeronautical information and instructions relating to the safety and security, scheduling, and efficiency of air navigation and such information and instructions shall be readily available to any person upon payment of the prescribed fee.

Transfer of functions outside Barbados on behalf of Authority

6. The Authority may, where it considers it justifiable and with the prior approval of the Minister, authorize a person to perform specified regulatory oversight responsibilities of the Authority.

Establishment of units and divisions

7.(1) The Authority may establish such units and divisions as are necessary for the operations of the Authority and may appoint officers to manage those units and divisions.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Authority shall establish the following units and shall appoint persons in the office of Director in each unit to manage the unit:

- (a) a unit responsible for the management, development and expansion of air transport to be known as the Air Transport Management Unit; and
- (b) a unit responsible for the regulation of safety and security of civil aviation to be known as the Flight Safety Unit.

PART III

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY BOARD

Establishment of Board of management

8.(1) There shall be established a board of management, to be known as the Civil Aviation Authority Board, which shall be responsible for the policy, management, organization and administration of the Authority, and in particular for

- (a) the appointment of staff to the Authority and the management thereof;
- (b) the management of the other resources and contracts of the Authority;

- (c) the development of policies for the prudent and efficient management of the Authority; and
 - (d) the monitoring of the performance of the Authority in respect of the discharge of its functions.
- (2) The *First Schedule* has effect with respect to the constitution of the Board and otherwise in relation thereto.

Functions of the Board

- 9.(1) In carrying out its functions under section 8, the Board shall
- (a) ensure that the Authority complies with and gives effect to the provisions of this Act;
 - (b) ensure that the Authority complies with and gives effect to the approved performance standards;
 - (c) ensure that the Authority has adequate systems of internal controls, both operational and financial and that it follows sound financial policies and procedures;
 - (d) formulate good and workable policies on human resources and labour relations, including conditions of service for employees of the Authority; and
 - (e) advise the Minister on matters of general public policy relating to the management and development of an efficient and regulated civil aviation industry.
- (2) The Authority shall, where necessary, make recommendations to the Minister in respect of matters associated with any action or condition in the aviation sector or impacting on the aviation sector
- (a) which is capable of causing actual or potential threat, harm or damage to persons or property;
 - (b) which the Minister refers to the Authority for its advice; or

- (c) which the Authority considers necessary in the furtherance of its functions.

Disclosure of interest

10.(1) A member of the Board who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in any contract or other matter whatsoever which is to be considered by the Board, or in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Board, shall disclose the nature of his interest to the other members of the Board at a meeting of the Board, and the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes taken at that meeting of the Board, and that member shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board relating to the contract.

(2) A disclosure made by a member of the Board under subsection (1), to the effect that he is a director or shareholder or has a significant economic relationship with a specific company, firm or other person interested in any contract which is made with the company, firm or other person, shall for the purposes of subsection (1) be a sufficient disclosure of his interest in relation to any contract so made.

Qualification and restriction of Board

11. No former member of the Board shall accept employment or enter into a contract of service with an entity regulated by the Authority until the expiry of 2 years from the termination of his appointment with the Board, whether that termination is by resignation, effluxion of time or otherwise.

Minister's directions to the Board

12. The Minister may give written directions of a general nature as to the policy to be followed by the Board in the performance of its functions, as appear to the Minister to be necessary for the development of civil aviation or necessary in the public interest, and the Board and the Authority shall comply with those directions.

Delegation by the Minister and the Authority

13.(1) The Minister may, by order, delegate to the Board or the Director General, as the case may be, any power or function conferred or imposed on the Minister under this Act except the power to make regulations.

(2) The Authority may, by order, delegate any power or function conferred on it by this Act to any Board member, committee member or senior officer of the Authority, except the power to issue and revoke aviation documents issued under this Act or the power to approve or cancel the registration of an aviation service provider under this Act.

(3) A delegation under this section

- (a) may be subject to such conditions, qualifications and exceptions as may be prescribed in the order; and
- (b) shall not preclude the Minister or the Authority, as the case may be, from exercising that power or performing that duty.

(4) The Board shall not delegate any power delegated to it by the Minister.

Director General may delegate

14.(1) The Director General may, in writing, delegate to any person listed in subsection (2)

- (a) any power or function conferred or imposed on the Director General under this Act; or
- (b) subject to section 13 any power or function delegated to the Director General by the Minister.

(2) A delegation under this section may be made to any person designated as an inspector or authorized officer under section 71.

PART IV

INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Obligations of Barbados under Chicago Convention

15. The Authority shall have responsibility for ensuring that the principles and arrangements of the Chicago Convention are adhered to in order that

- (a) international civil aviation may be developed in a safe, secure, and orderly manner; and
- (b) international air transport services may be established on the basis of equal opportunity and may be operated on a sound and economical basis.

Obligations for Aircraft in distress

16.(1) Where an aircraft is in distress in the territory of Barbados, the appropriate accident and investigation authority of Barbados shall provide assistance to the aircraft in distress as it may find practicable, and permit, subject to the control by the authorities of Barbados, the owners of aircraft or authorities of the State in which the aircraft is registered to provide assistance as may be necessitated by the circumstance.

(2) When undertaking a search for missing aircraft, the appropriate accident and investigation authority will collaborate in coordinated measures which may be recommended from time to time pursuant to Article 25 of the Chicago Convention.

CASSOS Agreement

17. The Authority shall ensure that the objectives of the CASSOS Agreement are observed.

Health obligations under treaties etc.

18. The Minister responsible for Health and the Minister responsible for Agriculture shall, in consultation with the Minister, make such arrangements and implement such administrative policies as are necessary

- (a) to prevent danger to public health from any aircraft that arrives at an aerodrome; and
- (b) to prevent the spread of infectious diseases by means of an aircraft leaving such aerodrome,

so far as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying out any treaty, convention, arrangement or engagement with any country.

Conclusion of international agreements

19. The Authority shall, where necessary, make recommendations to the Minister in respect of the conclusion of any civil aviation international agreement with other states, governments or international organizations.

Application of International Air Law Treaties

20.(1) The Minister may make Regulations for giving effect to International Air Law Treaties.

(2) Regulations made under this section may, in particular, provide for the harmonization and codification of rules governing international carriage by air in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Chicago Convention.

PART V

STAFF OF THE AUTHORITY

Appointment of staff

21. The Authority may appoint and employ on a contractual basis any officers, servants or agents as it considers necessary for giving effect to this Act.

Director General

22.(1) The Board shall, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person to the office of Director General.

(2) Subject to section 23(2), the Director General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority and shall be subject to the directions of the Authority in the performance of his functions under this Act.

(3) The Director General

- (a) shall hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years but is eligible for reappointment;
- (b) is entitled to such remuneration and allowances as the Authority determines; and
- (c) shall not be removed from office without the approval of the Minister.

Functions of the Director General

23.(1) The functions of the Director General are as follows:

- (a) to discharge, on behalf of the Authority, the functions of the Authority;
- (b) to execute the policy and manage the affairs of the Authority;
- (c) to provide oversight for all aspects of civil aviation including emphasis on safety, security and the environment;

- (d)* to provide oversight for all staff of the Authority and all operators in the civil aviation industry;
 - (e)* to perform the functions that are conferred on the Director General by the Board;
 - (f)* to keep the Minister fully informed on all incidents, events and matters affecting the safety and security of aircraft operations in Barbados and those affecting any Barbados aircraft overseas; and
 - (g)* to perform any other functions that are conferred on the Director General under this Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 22(2), the Director General shall not,
- (a)* in exercising any powers or discharging any functions in relation to
 - (i)* aviation safety and security matters of a technical nature; or
 - (ii)* any other matter of a technical nature,
- be subject to the directions of the members of the Board or any other person.
- (b)* personally engage in or interfere with technical assessments or judgments in the matters referred to in paragraph *(a)*.
- (3) The Director General may exercise decision-making authority, including approving, or rejecting recommendations, based solely on the advice and findings provided by duly authorized technical experts, in accordance with international standards.

Private pension plan

24. The Authority shall, if circumstances permit, provide for the establishment and maintenance of a pension plan for the benefit of the staff of the Authority.

Pension under Cap. 25

25. Subject to section 24, the employees of the Authority shall be granted pension and related emoluments under the *Pensions Act*, Cap. 25, as if they were public officers.

Transfer and secondment of public officers

26.(1) Where a public officer accepts employment with the Authority, the public officer shall

- (a) be employed on terms and conditions that are no less favourable than those enjoyed by a public officer of proximate rank or a public officer performing comparable duties; and
- (b) retain any right to pension, gratuity or other allowance for which he would have been eligible had he remained in the public service; and any such right is preserved.

(2) Where a public officer is seconded to a post in the Authority from a pensionable office within the meaning of section 2 of the *Pensions Act*, Cap. 25, the period of service with the Authority, unless the President otherwise determines, counts for pension under that Act as if the officer had not been so seconded.

Engagement of experts

27. The Authority may engage, on such terms and conditions as the Minister approves, such experts as it considers necessary to assist it in such manner as it determines.

PART VI

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Establishment of Fund

28.(1) There is hereby established a fund to be known as the “Barbados Civil Aviation Authority Fund” which shall consist of the following:

- (a) such amounts as may accrue from the operation of the Fund;
- (b) such amounts as may be voted for the purpose by Parliament;
- (c) such amounts as may be borrowed by the Authority for its purposes;
- (d) such amounts as may accrue from fees and charges for the provision of services and the use of facilities and in respect of the performance of its functions or the exercise of its powers in the administration of this Act;
- (e) such amounts as may be provided by a foreign state or an international organization for the purposes of this Act;
- (f) amounts realized from investment proceeds; and
- (g) such other moneys as may become available to the Authority from any other source approved by the Minister responsible for Finance.

(2) The resources of the Fund shall be applied in the payment of expenses and towards the discharging of obligations and the performing of any function of the Authority under this Act.

Limitation in relation to the fixing of salaries

29. Notwithstanding the powers conferred on the Authority by section 21, the Authority shall not, without the prior approval of the Minister

- (a) assign to a post established by the Authority a salary in excess of such amount per annum as the Minister may determine and notify the Authority in writing; or
- (b) appoint a person to a post established by the Authority to which a salary in excess of the amount determined by the Minister under paragraph (a) is assigned.

Investment of funds

30. The Authority

- (a) shall develop an investment policy in relation to the Fund; and
- (b) may invest any sums not required for the purposes of section 28 in such low-risk securities as it considers appropriate.

Accounts and audit

31. The Authority shall, in respect of its functions under this Act,

- (a) keep proper accounts and adequate financial and other records;
- (b) prepare financial statements in respect of each financial year in conformity with established accounting principles, including the GAAP; and
- (c) appoint an auditor annually for the purpose of auditing its accounts.

Borrowing power

32.(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Authority may borrow money required by it for meeting any of its obligations or performing any of its functions.

(2) The power conferred on the Authority by subsection (1) is exercisable only with the approval of the Minister responsible for Finance, and the Authority shall stipulate

(a) the amount and source of the loan; and

(b) the terms and conditions on which the loan may be obtained.

(3) The approval of the Minister responsible for Finance under subsection (2) may either be general or limited to a particular borrowing.

Guarantee of loans

33. The Government may, with the approval of Parliament, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be specified, guarantee a loan to the Authority together with any interest or other charges payable thereon.

Strategic plan

34.(1) The Board shall prepare, for the approval of the Minister, a 3 year strategic plan in respect of the programmes and policies of the Authority every 3 years.

(2) The strategic plan shall include details of the following:

(a) the operational plans for the Authority, inclusive of areas of revenue, matters of training and aviation documents and fees for such;

(b) the strategies that the Authority intends to use to achieve its objectives, including

(i) operational and financial strategies; and

(ii) human resource strategies;

(c) the expected performance of the Authority;

(d) the operating and capital budgets of the Authority, including grants and contributions and revenues from the conduct of the operations of the Authority;

- (e) a statement of the projects and targets planned and the strategies of the Authority;
 - (f) performance measures of the Authority;
 - (g) an account of the performance of the activities and operations of the Authority over the last 3 years, where applicable;
 - (h) analysis of risk factors likely to affect aviation safety in the aviation industry;
 - (i) a statement of the audited accounts of the Authority;
 - (j) industrial relations strategies; and
 - (k) any other relevant information that the Minister may require.
- (3) The first strategic plan shall be submitted to the Minister within 6 months of the commencement of this Act.
- (4) The Minister may give the Board such directions with respect to the strategic plan as the Minister considers necessary for the proper administration of the Act and for the benefit of the development of civil aviation in Barbados.
- (5) The Board may, at any time, be required by the Minister to submit a report in respect of any matter or activity in the strategic plan.
- (6) The Board shall keep the Minister informed about
- (a) significant changes to the strategic plan; and
 - (b) matters that arise that could significantly affect the objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Annual report

- 35.(1)** Subject to subsection (3), the Authority shall, not later than 4 months after the end of each financial year, submit to the Minister a report containing
- (a) an account of the activities and transactions of the Authority throughout that financial year in such detail as the Minister may direct; and

- (b) audited financial statements of the operations of the Authority for that financial year.
- (2) A copy of the report referred to in subsection (1), together with a copy of the auditor's report, shall be printed and laid in the House of Assembly and Senate and published in the *Official Gazette* not later than 3 months after the date of the receipt thereof by the Minister.
- (3) Where the Authority is in operation for a period of less than 12 months, the time referred to in subsection (1) for the submission of the report shall not apply; and the report in respect of the first financial year may be submitted not later than 4 months after the end of the second financial year.

Director General to provide information to the public

36. The Director General shall, through the Authority's website and any other medium the Director General considers appropriate, provide the public with up-to-date information

- (a) relating to the operations, procedures and policies of the Authority;
- (b) relating to the Authority's services;
- (c) to give assistance and guidance to the public with respect to any obligations and requirements to be met under this Act; and
- (d) for the general awareness of the public.

PART VII

PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROPERTY

Control of land in interest of civil aviation

37.(1) The Minister may, by order, after consultation with the Minister responsible for Planning and Development, declare that any land, structure, works or apparatus specified in the order, inclusive of any development which is

likely to attract wildlife on or in the vicinity of an aerodrome, shall be subject to such directions as may be given by the Minister, if the Minister is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in the interest of civil aviation.

(2) Where an order referred to in subsection (1) is in force, the Minister may give directions

- (a) requiring the total or partial demolition of any building or structure within that area;
- (b) restricting the height of trees on any land within the area or requiring any tree on that land to be cut down or reduced in height;
- (c) extinguishing any private right of way over land within the area;
- (d) restricting the installation of cables, mains, wires or other apparatus upon, across, under or over any land within the area;
- (e) extinguishing, at the expiration of any period determined by directions, any subsisting right of installing or maintaining any such apparatus upon, across, under or over any land within the area;
- (f) requiring, before the expiration of any period determined by directions, the removal of any apparatus from any land within the area; and
- (g) prohibiting the taking of vessels or vehicles into any area specified or the anchoring or mooring of any vessel or parking of any vehicle in the area.

(3) Development shall have the same meaning as “development” within the meaning of the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5).

(4) An order under this section may contain such consequential, incidental and supplemental provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of the order.

(5) An order made under this section is subject to affirmative resolution.

Road closures and diversions

38.(1) The Minister responsible for Transport and Works may by notice, after consultation with the Minister, close any road to traffic and pedestrians or give any directions he considers necessary to the relevant authorities concerning a particular road, if he is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in the interest of civil aviation.

(2) A gazetted police officer or the Director General may give directions for any road to be closed or for traffic to be diverted from a road in case of an emergency impacting on civil aviation, if in the opinion of the gazetted police officer or the Director General, such action is necessary in the particular circumstances.

Emergency Directives by Minister

39.(1) In circumstances of emergency, the Minister may give directives for a period not exceeding 14 days where

- (a) the directive is required to alleviate risk of death or serious injury to any person; or
- (b) the directive is required to alleviate risk of damage or serious injury to aircraft or property.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the directives issued under subsection (1) shall be statutory instruments within the meaning of the *Interpretation Act*, Cap. 1 and shall conform to all the requirements for statutory instruments set out in that Act.

General Directives by Minister

40.(1) The Minister may issue any aviation directive in support of safety and security oversight activities where it is

- (a) necessary and expedient to better achieve the objectives of this Act; or
- (b) necessary for the implementation of immediate security measures and requirements.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the directives issued under subsection (1) shall be statutory instruments within the meaning of the *Interpretation Act*, Cap. 1 and shall conform to all the requirements for statutory instruments set out in that Act.

(3) Section 138 shall apply to any person or body corporate who contravenes directives issues by the Minister pursuant to subsection (1) and section 39.

Directions by Director General

41.(1) The Director General may, where the Director General deems it necessary, give immediate directions for the purpose of alleviating death or serious injury to a person or alleviating the risk of damage or serious injury to aircraft or property at an air navigation facility.

(2) The Director General shall notify the Minister as soon as practicable of any direction given under subsection (1).

(3) Any person who contravenes directions or fails to comply with the directions given by the Director General pursuant to subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500 in respect of each day that the contravention continues.

(4) Where a direction is issued in accordance with subsection (1) and published in accordance with subsection (5), the Minister may, on the advice of the Director General, issue directives in accordance with sections 39 and 40.

(5) Where the Minister is notified in accordance with subsection (2), the Director General shall publish the direction on the Authority's website and any other medium the Director General considers appropriate.

(6) A direction issued under this section is an immediate security measure made by the Authority to

- (a) stop or prevent an activity from occurring, once significant civil aviation safety and security concerns are identified by the Authority;

- (b) identify unsafe activities and prescribe mandatory corrective actions to be taken or conditions or limitations under which operations or activities may continue; or
- (c) provide oversight for the implementation of aviation safety and security policies and requirements.

Standards, Advisory Circulars and Instructions

42.(1) The Director General may issue standards, advisory circulars, and Instructions which he believes on reasonable grounds to be

- (a) consistent with the objectives of applicable regulatory requirements, procedures or documents; or
- (b) necessary to support safety and security oversight activities.

(2) The Authority shall publish each standard, advisory circular and instruction in any way the Authority thinks fit, but failure to publish any standard, advisory circular, or instruction does not invalidate the standard, advisory circular, or instruction.

Obstruction near aerodrome

43.(1) Where the Authority is satisfied that for the purpose of avoiding danger to aircraft being flown in darkness or conditions of poor visibility, provision should be made

- (a) for the lighting of any building, structure or erection in the vicinity of an aerodrome; or
- (b) for giving to the pilot of such aircraft some other warning of the presence of such building, structure or erection,

the Authority may, by notice in writing, direct the manager of an aerodrome to execute, install, maintain, operate, repair or alter such works and apparatus as are necessary for enabling such warning to be given in the manner and within the time specified in the notice.

- (2) The Authority shall, before any action is taken under subsection (1), notify, in writing, the persons who have an interest in any property which may be affected by any of the following matters:
- (a) the details of the works to be done;
 - (b) the reason for the execution of the proposed works;
 - (c) the proposed time in which the work is to be executed which shall not be less than 3 months' notice from the date that the notice is served on the affected persons; or
 - (d) the time, not being less than 21 days, within which representations or objections may be made by the person in relation to the notice.
- (3) The Authority shall, before executing any works under subsection (1), give persons who have an interest in any property which may be affected an opportunity, not being less than 21 days after the notice is given, to make representations and objections in relation to the notice.
- (4) The Authority shall take into consideration any representations made by persons pursuant to subsection (3) and shall make such modifications to the proposed plan as are equitable and appropriate.
- (5) In case of an emergency,
- (a) the Authority may authorize the manager of the aerodrome to execute any work identified in the notice after reasonable notice in writing is given to all persons who have an interest in any property which may be affected; and
 - (b) any person may enter upon or pass over, with or without vehicles, any land identified in the notice given under paragraph (a), for the purpose of executing the works.
- (6) For the purposes of this section an occupier of property to which a notice relates shall be regarded as having an interest in the property.

(7) Any person who has an interest in land in respect of which a notice is issued under this section and subsequent action is taken, is entitled to be compensated in accordance with the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 for any loss or damage which that person suffers.

(8) The *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 shall apply for the purposes of assessing compensation payable under this section.

Relocation of abandoned aircraft or vehicle

44.(1) If an aircraft at an airport is

- (a) in a state of disrepair and interfering, or is likely to interfere with the operation of the airport; or
- (b) is apparently abandoned,

the airport licensee for the airport may, with the approval of the Authority, cause the aircraft to be moved to another part of the airport, so long as that movement is carried out with reasonable care.

(2) No person shall be liable to an action or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, for or in relation to an act done in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) Subsection (1) does not limit, restrict, or otherwise affect any right or remedy the airport licensee would have if this section had not been enacted.

(4) Where the airport licensee for an airport has incurred any expenses in removing any aircraft under this section, all such expenses reasonably incurred by the airport licensee in removing any such aircraft are recoverable in a court of competent jurisdiction from the owner of the aircraft as if the expenses were a debt due to the airport licensee.

(5) In this section, "aircraft" includes an object that was designed or adapted for use as an aircraft but is incapable of being so used because one or more parts have been removed from it, or it is in a wrecked or damaged condition.

Disposal of unclaimed aircraft or vehicle

- 45.(1) An aircraft or a vehicle, or an article, or a thing which is moved
- (a) by an airport licensee for an airport, or an authorized airport employee for the airport; or
 - (b) with the approval of the Authority, by an airport licensee for an airport, must be detained in a holding area until the aircraft or vehicle, or article or thing, is released by order of the airport licensee concerned, or is sold or disposed of in accordance with this section.
- (2) Where an aircraft or vehicle, or an article, or a thing, which is moved to a holding area under subsection (1) is unclaimed, an authorized airport employee of an airport licensee, duly authorized for this purpose may, subject to subsection (4) and after giving notice in accordance with subsection (3) of his or its intention to do so and, in the case of an aircraft, with the approval of the Authority
- (a) sell the aircraft, vehicle, article, or thing, as the case may be, and any uncollected item left in or on the aircraft, vehicle, article or thing, as prescribed by regulations; or
 - (b) destroy or otherwise dispose of the aircraft, vehicle, article or thing and any uncollected item left in or on the aircraft, vehicle, article or thing, as prescribed by regulations.
- (3) The notice required by subsection (2) is given
- (a) by publishing a notice of the sale or disposal in the *Official Gazette* at least one month before taking any action under that subsection; and
 - (b) in the case of an aircraft, by taking other reasonable steps to give at least one month's notice of the sale or disposal to
 - (i) persons who, in the opinion of the authorized employee, have a security interest in the aircraft; and

(ii) each person who is an owner, an operator, a lessee, a hirer, a charterer or a pilot in command, of the aircraft.

(4) This section does not authorize the moving, detention and sale or disposal of any aircraft, vehicle, article, item or thing belonging to the Government, the Air Navigation Office or the Authority.

(5) In this section, “authorized airport employee”, from an airport, means an employee of an airport licensee for the airport who is authorized by the airport licensee to exercise a power under this section in connection with that airport.

Relocation of decommissioned aircraft

46.(1) A decommissioned aircraft can be stored outside of the airport at such location as shall be approved by the Authority and under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Authority.

(2) The terms and conditions referred to in subsection (1) may relate to

(a) the drainage of all liquids, inclusive of fuel, hydraulic fluids and lubricants; and

(b) the removal of specific parts of the aircraft.

(3) In this section, “decommissioned aircraft” means an aircraft that is at the end of its operational life.

Regulation of aviation during a state of emergency

47. The law relating to the governance of Barbados during a state of emergency shall apply for the purpose of regulating civil aviation when a state of emergency has been declared in Barbados under the *Constitution*, including a state of war.

PART VIII

REGULATION OF AVIATION OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Prohibition from operating without an aviation document

48.(1) A person listed in the *Second Schedule* shall not

- (a) perform any function or activity;
- (b) occupy any position or office; or
- (c) provide any service or product,

unless that person obtains the relevant aviation document under this Act.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for 7 years or to both.

(3) An aviation document referred to in subsection (1) is valid for the period stated in the *Second Schedule* and is subject to such conditions as the Authority deems appropriate.

(4) Notwithstanding section 155, the Minister may, on the advice of the Director General, amend the *Second Schedule*.

Criteria relating to aviation documents

49.(1) For the purposes of this Act, an aviation document is required in respect of the following:

- (a) the registration of aircraft in accordance with section 83;
- (b) an airman;
- (c) an air operator conducting general aviation, aerial work or commercial air transport operations;

- (d) air traffic, aircraft maintenance, aviation security, meteorological or communications services or personnel;
 - (e) aerodrome operations or an aerodrome operator;
 - (f) the provision of aviation navigation services;
 - (g) the provision of aviation security services;
 - (h) a navigation installation provider;
 - (i) an aviation training organisation;
 - (j) an aircraft design, manufacture and maintenance organization;
 - (k) the performance of aeronautical procedures; and
 - (l) an aviation examiner or aviation medical examiner.
- (2) Any person who proposes to engage in any activity or provide any service referred to in subsection (1)
- (a) shall submit the relevant application in accordance with section 50;
 - (b) shall, if the person is an individual, meet the criteria prescribed pursuant to this Act; and
 - (c) shall, if the person is an individual, ensure that he possesses the requisite experience, qualifications and supporting documents.

Application for an aviation document

- 50.(1)** A person who wishes to obtain an aviation document shall apply to the Authority for the appropriate aviation document in the approved form and pay the prescribed application fee.
- (2) The Authority, in considering an application under subsection (1) shall have regard to whether the applicant meets the criteria prescribed in this Act.
- (3) Where an application is approved, the applicant shall pay the prescribed fee for the issue of the aviation document.

(4) For the purpose of the issue of an aviation document, the Authority may accept foreign qualifications, licences, permits or certificates where the state issuing the qualifications, licences, permits or certificates is an ICAO member state and the evidence presented is considered appropriate by the Authority in the particular circumstances.

(5) A person issued an aviation document, other than an airman aviation document, shall,

(a) at such interval; and

(b) in such manner,

submit to the Authority such information in such format as the Authority specifies in writing.

(6) Where a person who is required to submit information pursuant to subsection (5) fails to do so, that person shall give reasons in writing for such failure, together with an indication of when the information will be submitted.

(7) Where an application for an aviation document is denied, reasons for the decision shall be given to the applicant and the applicant may appeal in accordance with this Act.

(8) An aviation document shall be issued for a period not exceeding 5 years and shall be subject to such conditions as the Authority deems appropriate.

(9) Any person who makes a false representation or statement for the purpose of procuring for himself or any other person, the issue, renewal or variation of an aviation document is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$10,000.

Registers of aviation documents

51.(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Authority shall keep and maintain such number of registers as it thinks fit in respect of the various aviation documents issued under this Act, together with any relevant information related thereto.

(2) A register referred to in subsection (1) shall be open to inspection by members of the public during office hours.

Examinations

52.(1) The Authority may for the purpose of assessing the suitability of a person for an aviation document

- (a) set, conduct and administer an examination or test;
- (b) conduct flight testing; or
- (c) carry out any other functions in relation to such examinations, tests and flight testing as may be necessary.

(2) Where the Authority takes any action under subsection (1), the person concerned shall be given

- (a) written notification of the areas to be assessed or examined; and
- (b) prior notice of the examination date.

Inspection in relation to applicants

53.(1) The Director General or an Inspector may, upon reasonable notice, conduct an inspection of the operations of an applicant for an aviation document for the purpose of assessing the suitability of the applicant for the aviation document, as the case may be.

(2) Where after an inspection is carried out pursuant to subsection (1) and the Inspector reports that there are deficiencies, the Director General may request the applicant to take such remedial action as the Director General thinks necessary to satisfy the required standard before the aviation document is issued.

Functions of the pilot-in-command

54. A pilot-in-command of an aircraft shall, when conducting any international flight operations

- (a) ensure the safe operation of the aircraft in flight, the safety and wellbeing of all passengers and crew, and the safety of the cargo carried;
- (b) have final authority to control the aircraft while in command or the maintenance of discipline in respect of all persons on board; and
- (c) keep on board the aircraft all the aviation documents and records required by Article 29 and Parts I, II and III of Annex 6 of the Chicago Convention including
 - (i) certificate of registration;
 - (ii) certificate of airworthiness;
 - (iii) crew members' licences;
 - (iv) journey log book;
 - (v) aircraft radio station licence;
 - (vi) passenger manifest;
 - (vii) cargo manifest;
 - (viii) certified copy of the air operator certificate;
 - (ix) operations specifications;
 - (x) document attesting noise-certification;
 - (xi) operating flight plan;
 - (xii) copy of air traffic service flight plan;
 - (xiii) certified true copy of Article 83 bis Agreement summary;
 - (xiv) copy of the cargo declaration; and

- (xv) copy of the manifest;
- (d) submit to the Director General or any person authorized by the Director General, on request, any of the documents or records mentioned in paragraph (c); and
- (e) comply with all relevant requirements of this Act and the Regulations.

Recognition of validity of certification and accreditation from other states

55. The Authority may, in the discharge of certification and inspection responsibilities, recognize the validity of licences, certificates, permits, instruments, authorizations, accreditations and decisions of the aeronautical authority of another state with the following restrictions:

- (a) for actions on airman certification or airworthiness certification, the other state shall be a signatory to the Chicago Convention and must be fulfilling their obligations under the Chicago Convention with respect to the issuance and currency of the certification;
- (b) for actions applicable to air operators, the Authority shall request supporting documents; and
- (c) the Authority shall ensure that, when validation is based on actions of another aeronautical authority, there is no information to indicate that that state does not meet its obligations under the Chicago Convention regarding certification and on-going validation of its air operators.

Duties of aviation document holders

56. A person to whom an aviation document has been issued shall

- (a) comply with this Act, regulations made under this Act and operational regulations;
- (b) provide training and supervision to all of his employees who are engaged in doing any thing to which the document relates;

- (c) provide adequate resources to ensure compliance with this Act, the regulations made under this Act and any operational regulations or any conditions attached thereto; and
- (d) notify the Authority of any changes to any material information given in support of an application made under section 50, including the contact information.

Renewal of aviation documents

57. An aviation document holder may, in the approved form, apply to the Authority for the aviation document to be renewed on production of such documents or information as may be required by the Authority and on payment of the prescribed fees.

Revocation and suspension of aviation documents

- 58.(1)** The Authority may suspend or revoke an aviation document where
- (a) the aviation document holder fails or refuses to comply with this Act or with any request or direction given in writing under this Act;
 - (b) the aviation document holder is convicted of an offence under this Act;
 - (c) the aviation document holder fails to comply with any major term or condition specified in an aviation document;
 - (d) the aviation document holder or an employee or agent of the aviation document holder refuses to permit an inspection under this Act;
 - (e) the conditions attached to the issue of the aviation document are being carried out by the aviation document holder in a negligent, reckless or incompetent manner;
 - (f) there is reasonable doubt as to the quality or safety of the aeronautical product or service to which the aviation document relates;
 - (g) in the case of an aircraft, there is reasonable doubt as to the airworthiness of the aircraft; or

- (h) it is required in the interests of defence, public health, public safety, public order, the public interest or security of Barbados.
- (2) For the purpose of determining whether an aviation document should be suspended or revoked, the Authority shall have regard to a person's history of compliance with civil aviation regulatory requirements where relevant.
- (3) Where the Authority suspends or revokes an aviation document, the Authority shall give notice of that fact in writing to the aviation document holder and that notice shall
- (a) state the reason for the proposed suspension or revocation, and where the issue can be rectified, give a reasonable time by which the matter should be rectified, failing which the suspension or revocation will take effect;
 - (b) give the aviation document holder a reasonable time from the date of the notice to submit reasons to the Authority why the aviation document should not be suspended or revoked; and
 - (c) advise the aviation document holder of his right to object under this Act to the proposed decision.
- (4) At the expiration of the time period referred to in subsection (3)(b) or where a suitable explanation has not been received from the person, the aviation document may be revoked or suspended, and the person shall be notified in writing.
- (5) Where the Authority revokes or suspends an aviation document, the Authority shall publish a notice of the suspension or revocation in the *Official Gazette*, and where the publication relates to a suspension it shall state the period of the suspension.

Procedure relating to suspension of an aviation document

59.(1) An aviation document issued under this Act may be suspended in whole or in part, or conditions may be imposed or withdrawn in respect of any

such document if the Director General considers such action necessary in the interest of safety or security to ensure compliance with this Act.

(2) Any person in respect of whom any decision is taken under this section may object to that decision in accordance with section 62.

Imposition of conditions in respect of aviation document

60.(1) The Authority may impose conditions in relation to an aviation document if the Authority

- (a) considers such action necessary to ensure compliance with this Act or the regulations;
- (b) considers such action necessary in the interests of aviation safety and security;
- (c) is satisfied that the holder thereof has failed to comply with any conditions;
- (d) is satisfied that the holder thereof has contravened or failed to comply with this Act or the regulations;
- (e) considers that the privileges or duties for which the aviation document has been granted are being carried out by the holder thereof in a negligent, reckless or incompetent manner;
- (f) considers that there is reasonable doubt as to the airworthiness of an aircraft; or
- (g) considers that there is reasonable doubt as to the quality or safety of the aeronautical product or service to which the document relates.

(2) Where the Authority imposes conditions on an aviation document, the Authority shall give notice of that fact in writing to the aviation document holder and that notice shall

- (a) state the reason for the proposed imposition of conditions, and where the issue can be rectified, a time period by which the matter should be rectified, failing which the imposition will take effect;
- (b) give the aviation document holder a reasonable time from the date of the notice to submit reasons to the Authority why the conditions should not be imposed; and
- (c) advise the aviation document holder of his right to object under this Act to the proposed action.

(3) At the expiration of the time period referred to in subsection (2)(b) or where a suitable explanation has not been received from the person, the conditions may be imposed as indicated in the notice referred to in subsection (2) and the person shall be notified in writing.

(4) The imposition of a condition under this section shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 21 days, but may be extended by the Authority in accordance with subsection (5).

(5) The Authority may, prior to the expiration of the period of 21 days referred to in subsection (4),

- (a) extend the condition for a further specified period; or
- (b) withdraw any condition.

Revocation of aviation documents in special cases

61.(1) The Authority may, after an inspection, monitoring or investigation carried out under this Act, revoke an aviation document if the Authority

- (a) has reasonable grounds to believe that the revocation is necessary in the interest of aviation safety or security; or

- (b) determines that the privileges or duties for which the document has been granted are not being carried out or cannot be carried out by the aviation document holder.
- (2) Where the Authority takes action under this section, the Authority shall give notice of its intention in accordance with section 63 and notify the aggrieved person of the right to object to the decision.
- (3) A person whose aviation document is revoked under this section shall immediately surrender the document to the Authority.
- (4) A person may object to a decision taken under subsection (1) in accordance with section 62.

Operators may object to proposed decisions of the Authority

62.(1) Where an aviation document holder has received notice of a decision respecting

- (a) the suspension of an aviation document;
- (b) the imposition of a condition in respect of an aviation document; or
- (c) the revocation of an aviation document,

the aviation document holder may object to that decision in accordance with this section.

- (2) A person referred to in subsection (1) shall send to the Authority the information that person wishes the Authority to consider within the period specified in the notice or such further period as the Authority may allow.
- (3) The Authority shall consider any information referred to in subsection (2) and any pertinent information after the expiry of the period specified in that subsection.

(4) Upon consideration of the information referred to in subsection (2), the Authority shall as soon as practicable thereafter notify in writing the aviation document holder of the following matters:

- (a) the Authority's decision;
- (b) the reasons for the decision;
- (c) the date on which the decision will take effect; and
- (d) the right of the aviation document holder to appeal the decision under section 116.

Notice of suspension, imposition of conditions or revocation of aviation documents

63.(1) Where the Authority

- (a) has suspended an aviation document;
- (b) has imposed a condition upon an aviation document; or
- (c) has revoked an aviation document,

the Authority shall give notice in writing to the aviation document holder as indicated in subsection (2).

(2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) shall

- (a) notify the aviation document holder of the action taken;
- (b) inform the aviation document holder of the grounds for the action;
- (c) notify the aviation document holder of his right of appeal under section 116; and
- (d) specify any other relevant matters.

Variation of aviation documents

64.(1) An aviation document holder may apply in writing for the variation of the aviation document

- (a)* to reflect the fact that any privilege or duty for which the aviation document was granted is no longer carried out by the aviation document holder;
- (b)* to reflect any change of material information thereon; or
- (c)* to correct any clerical or other error on the face of the aviation document.

(2) The Authority may

- (a)* upon its own discretion; or
- (b)* upon application made under subsection (1),

correct or modify an aviation document, where appropriate.

Cancellation of aviation documents

65. The Authority shall cancel an aviation document from such date as an aviation document holder specifies in a notice to the Authority of the intention of the aviation document holder

- (a)* to surrender the aviation document; or
- (b)* to cease to carry on business under the aviation document.

Inspection and monitoring of operators

66.(1) The Authority may require any person who holds an aviation document to undergo such inspections and monitoring as the Authority considers necessary in the interest of civil aviation safety and security.

(2) Where after an inspection is carried out pursuant to subsection (1) and the Inspector reports that there are deficiencies, the Authority may request the person

referred to in subsection (1) to take such remedial action in the interest of civil aviation safety and security as the Authority thinks necessary.

Investigation of operators

67.(1) The Authority may, in writing, where the Authority considers it necessary in the interest of civil aviation safety and security, conduct an investigation of an aviation document holder where the Authority

- (a)* has reasonable grounds to believe that the aviation document holder has failed to comply with any conditions attached to the aviation document or with the requirements of section 56; or
- (b)* considers that the privileges or duties in respect of which the aviation document has been granted are being carried out by the aviation document holder in a negligent, reckless or incompetent manner.

(2) If the Authority requires that the operations of the aviation document holder be investigated, the Authority

- (a)* shall inform the aviation document holder, in writing, of the date on which the investigation will commence;
- (b)* shall conclude the investigation as soon as practicable;
- (c)* may make available the results of the investigation to the aviation document holder;
- (d)* may make recommendations arising out of the investigation; and
- (e)* shall give reasons for any recommendations made.

Inspectorate

68.(1) The Authority shall establish an inspectorate for the purpose of

- (a)* carrying out inspections in relation to the premises of persons applying for an aviation document;

- (b)* monitoring the service provided by persons granted aviation documents pursuant to this Act; and
 - (c)* carrying out inspections for any other purpose required under this Act.
- (2) A person appointed under subsection (1) shall possess the requisite qualifications which the Authority considers appropriate.
- (3) An Inspector shall be issued with an identification card and shall produce that identification card to relevant persons when conducting an inspection.
- (4) An Inspector may, in the performance of his functions,
 - (a)* take photographs;
 - (b)* make photocopies, videos or voice recordings of any information he considers necessary;
 - (c)* take samples or require a person to have a sample on the premises tested; and
 - (d)* use any equipment, form of technology or other facility necessary to ensure that the necessary findings, information or data are acquired, captured or stored with respect to the inspection.
- (5) An Inspector shall, after concluding an inspection, submit a report of his finding to the Director General without delay.

Functions of Inspectors

- 69.** The functions of an Inspector are to
- (a)* ensure the observance of rules, standards, practices and procedures relating to aspects of civil aviation assigned to that Inspector;
 - (b)* provide surveillance for the aviation security and safety programmes, where required;
 - (c)* provide surveillance for airport operations, including physical and electronic aids to aircraft operations and airfield lighting and markings;

- (d)* monitor
 - (i)* the provision of air navigation services;
 - (ii)* the proficiency of flight crews;
 - (iii)* the practices and procedures used in aircraft operations; and
 - (iv)* the various documents and procedures used by aircraft operators;
- (e)* provide or perform safety oversight of civil aviation including aircraft operations, personnel licensing and aviation training;
- (f)* ensure compliance with, and the proper implementation of, regulations in respect of
 - (i)* aircraft operations;
 - (ii)* maintenance operations; and
 - (iii)* aviation security;
- (g)* provide oversight over air navigation services;
- (h)* provide surveillance for all aircraft maintenance activities, including the maintenance of bases and maintenance during ramp operations;
- (i)* perform surveillance for the purposes of this Act; and
- (j)* administer or assist in administering examinations for the issue or renewal of aviation documents or ratings, where required.

Power of Inspectors

70. An Inspector shall

- (a)* inspect any part of an aerodrome or airport in Barbados or any land or area outside the airport used by a person who operates at the airport, including any buildings or other structures thereon;
- (b)* inspect any part of the airport in Barbados or any land or area outside the airport used by a person who operates at the airport, including any

buildings or other structures thereon, where he reasonably believes there is an infringement of the provisions of this Act or the regulations;

- (c) at any time, inspect any aircraft once that aircraft is registered in or operating in Barbados for the purpose of evaluating any safety or security procedure, and conducting quality control activities, whether in flight or otherwise, and require the production of any aviation document;
- (d) inspect any premises including any buildings, any office, hangar, ramp, equipment, document or workshop or other structures or installations thereon where required to do so for the purposes of this Act;
- (e) inspect any premises or any part thereof including any buildings or other structures or installations thereon where required to do so for the purposes of this Act;
- (f) inspect and test the effectiveness of security measures for an aircraft and the procedures and performance of security equipment;
- (g) take into an airport, airside area or any designated area any required equipment and use any equipment necessary to carry out the required functions, including radios, cameras, video and audio recording devices and specially authorized restricted or prohibited articles, such as replica weapons or simulated explosive devices;
- (h) issue a written notice indicating any deficiency revealed in an inspection and any recommendations, as appropriate;
- (i) require or enforce corrective actions, including requiring immediate rectification of any deficiencies;
- (j) enforce all relevant national aviation security requirements;
- (k) enter any land, facility or building at an airport or land outside an airport occupied for business purposes connected with an airport or air operator for the purpose of conducting quality control activities;

- (l) require an air operator, aerodrome operator or occupier of land outside the airport used for business purposes connected with the airport to provide information relevant to any audit, inspection, test or investigation;
- (m) access, inspect, seize or copy any aviation document or any other relevant document issued in accordance with this Act or granted under any other enactment in respect of an aircraft where continued operation of the aircraft to which the aviation document or other document relates shall adversely affect the safety of the aircraft, crew members or passengers;
- (n) require the production of any document which the Inspector reasonably believes contains information relevant to
 - (i) ensuring compliance with the provisions of this Act or the regulations; or
 - (ii) determining an infringement of the provisions of this Act or the regulations;
- (o) detain an aircraft and exercise any other power related to an inspection or investigation granted under the provisions of this Act during the detention; and
- (p) interview any person for the purpose of assessing the standard of security or the implementation of security procedures.

Designation of Inspectors and access to premises

71.(1) The Director General may designate

- (a) technically trained and qualified employees of the Authority as inspectors or authorized officers; and
- (b) persons who are not in the service of the Authority as authorized persons to conduct tests or examinations on behalf of the Authority.

(2) The Director General shall sign and issue to each inspector personal credentials consisting of an identification badge bearing the logo of the Authority and the identification number of the inspector and accompanied by an identification card which shall state the full name and contain a photograph of the inspector and statement indicating that the inspector

- (a) has been designated under subsection (1)(a);
- (b) is authorized access pursuant to subsection (5); and
- (c) is empowered to
 - (i) exercise the powers and discharge the functions entrusted to the Inspector pursuant to this Act or its Regulations, or
 - (ii) subject to section 13 exercise the powers and discharge the functions of the Director General entrusted to the Inspector under delegation under this Act.

(3) The Director General may, when necessary, limit the powers of the inspectors designated under subsection (1)(a).

(4) The Director General shall sign and issue to each authorized person a document which shall state the full name and contain a photograph of the authorized person and a statement indicating that the authorized person

- (a) has been designated under subsection (1)(a); and
- (b) is empowered to exercise the powers and functions entrusted to the authorized person pursuant to subsection (1)(b) or any other provision of this Act or its Regulations.

(5) For the purpose of the grant or renewal of an aviation document, the Director General or any person authorized by him shall be granted unrestricted access, at any time, by an applicant or holder of an aviation document to any place in which aviation operations are conducted, including

- (a) aircraft;
- (b) aerodromes;

- (c) air navigation services facilities;
- (d) hangars;
- (e) approved maintenance organization (AMOs);
- (f) workshops;
- (g) ramps;
- (h) fuel storage facilities;
- (i) air operator offices;
- (j) cargo handling areas; and
- (k) aviation training organization facilities,

at any time to conduct any surveillance, inspection, audit, or test in order to determine that aviation operations are conducted in accordance with prescribed safety, security, and other recommended standards.

(6) For the purposes for subsection (5), “document” shall include programmes, manuals, certificates, approvals, authorizations, procedures, technical files, personnel training files, or personnel licences.

Right of access of Inspectors

72.(1) An Inspector shall have access to any civil aircraft operated in Barbados and to an aircraft registered in Barbados without restriction for the purposes of ensuring that the aircraft are airworthy and being operated in accordance with this Act, the Chicago Convention and any other applicable international standards.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Inspector may

- (a) take the following actions where necessary:
 - (i) inspect an aircraft or any part of the aircraft or any process, system or record;

- (ii) conduct tests and evaluations and request evidence of qualifications, facilities and design data used by any air operator of an aircraft to determine whether the air operators are maintaining the aircraft in conditions which are safe for the operation of the aircraft;
 - (b) inspect, investigate, require tests, experiments and flight trials, and access any place in any establishment for airworthiness purposes;
 - (c) access and examine, inspect and investigate any consignment of goods as required;
 - (d) request production, inspection and copies of documents and records; and
 - (e) prevent an aircraft from flying and detain it.
- (3) Where an Inspector finds that any aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller or appliance used or intended to be used by any air operator in civil aviation is not in a condition which is safe for use, the Inspector shall notify the Authority.
- (4) Where subsection (3) applies, the Director General shall inform the air operator and the particular aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller or appliance shall not be used in civil aviation operations until determined by the Director General to be in a condition which is safe for use.

Access to aerodrome and other places

73.(1) An Inspector may, while conducting any surveillance, inspection or test in respect of aviation security, have in his possession simulations of the following items:

- (a) arms and ammunition;
- (b) explosives and explosive devices; and
- (c) weapons of war.

(2) The Director General may at any time require an Inspector to carry out an inspection with respect to the National Civil Aviation Security Programme.

Inspector and violations

74.(1) Where in the course of an inspection the Inspector has reason to believe that

- (a) any provision of this Act or the regulations is not being complied with; or
- (b) there
 - (i) is an immediate threat to aviation safety;
 - (ii) are acts of unlawful interference; or
 - (iii) is the likelihood of such threat or acts occurring as a result of an act or thing that has been, is being or is proposed to be done,

the Inspector shall report his findings, immediately, but not later than 24 hours, to the Director General.

(2) Where a report is made in accordance with subsection (1), the Authority may,

- (a) suspend the relevant aviation document;
- (b) direct the air operator of the aircraft concerned not to permit the aircraft to conduct a flight; or
- (c) take the necessary steps to detain the aircraft until the air operator has complied with such conditions as may be specified in the direction.

Investigation of complaints

75.(1) A person may file a written complaint with the Authority confidentially, or otherwise, with respect to anything done or omitted to be done by a person in contravention of this Act.

- (2) Where the Authority is of the opinion that there appears to be no grounds to investigate the matter, the matter shall not be investigated; and the Authority shall notify the complainant of that decision and shall give reasons for the decision taken.
- (3) Where the Authority is of the opinion that there appears to be grounds to investigate the matter, the matter shall be investigated; and the Authority shall notify the complainant of that decision and shall give reasons for the decision taken.
- (4) Before completing an investigation under this section, the Authority shall ensure that the relevant aviation document holder is notified of the concern.
- (5) Where the Authority completes an investigation,
 - (a) the Authority shall, in writing, inform the aviation document holder of the results of the investigation; and
 - (b) the Authority shall give the aviation document holder an opportunity to respond in writing.

PART IX

AERODROMES

Approval to construct, establish or operate an aerodrome

76.(1) No person shall construct or establish an aerodrome unless that person receives the relevant written approval in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5).

(2) In considering whether to issue a written approval referred to in subsection (1), the relevant authority under the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5) shall take into account, *inter alia*, the need to minimize so far as is reasonably practicable

- (a) any adverse effects on the environment;

- (b) any disturbance to the public from noise, vibration or atmospheric pollution; and
 - (c) any detrimental effect associated with the operation and use of an aerodrome and aircraft for the purpose of civil aviation.
- (3) No person shall
 - (a) operate an aerodrome; or
 - (b) permit the operation of an aircraft on any aerodrome on any land occupied or owned by him,

unless the person possesses the requisite aviation document.

- (4) Where a person applies for an aviation document to
 - (a) operate an aerodrome; or
 - (b) permit the operation of an aircraft on any aerodrome on any land occupied or owned by him,

the Director General shall conduct such inspections, assessments and tests as are necessary to confirm that the aerodrome site meets the standards specified in the Chicago Convention for aerodromes.

(5) Where the Director General conducts the inspections, assessments and tests and is satisfied that all of the requirements and standards have been met, the Authority may issue the relevant aviation document with such specifications as the Director General thinks necessary.

(6) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for 7 years or to both.

Minister to establish aerodromes

77.(1) The Minister may establish a public aerodrome.

- (2) Where an aerodrome is established under subsection (1), the Minister
- (a) shall make provision for the maintenance of the aerodrome;
 - (b) shall provide and maintain, in connection with the aerodrome, roads, approaches, apparatus, equipment and buildings and other accommodation;
 - (c) may vary the character of any facility for the purpose of promoting the safety of air navigation, the signals or assistance given by the facilities;
 - (d) shall determine the conditions of use of any aerodrome and whether any such aerodrome should be open to public use; and
 - (e) shall determine the conditions of use of any facilities or equipment provided for the purpose of promoting the safety of air navigation.

Aerodrome master plan

78.(1) A person granted an aviation document under section 76(5) shall have an aerodrome master plan for the aerodrome to which the aviation document relates and that aerodrome master plan shall contain such information as may be prescribed.

- (2) The Director General shall approve the aerodrome master plan and may require an inspection of that aerodrome master plan at any time.
- (3) At least once every 5 years the aerodrome operator shall
- (a) review the aerodrome master plan for the aerodrome;
 - (b) submit to the Authority a report of the review of the aerodrome master plan together with proposals for additions and alterations which are considered expedient; and
 - (c) submit to the Authority a new draft of an aerodrome master plan.
- (4) The Director General may, in writing, approve the new aerodrome master plan and any changes or alterations to the plan.

(5) Where the Director General approves a new aerodrome master plan which contains changes or alterations to the previous aerodrome master plan that require development at the aerodrome site, the person shall not execute such changes or alterations without the requisite written approval under the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5).

Aerodrome master plan requirements

79.(1) The Director General may require an aerodrome operator to make such changes to an aerodrome master plan as may be required in accordance with this Act or the Chicago Convention.

(2) An aerodrome operator who operates the aerodrome without complying with a requirement of the Director General given pursuant to subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 3 years or to both.

Aerodrome development

80.(1) No person shall perform any development at an aerodrome without the relevant written approval in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5).

(2) Where written approval is granted in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5), the person shall submit a copy of the written approval to the Authority.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 3 years or to both.

(4) In this section “development” means a development that is carried out at an aerodrome site that consists of

- (a) constructing a new runway or extending the length of a runway;
- (b) constructing a new building wholly or principally for use as a passenger terminal;

- (c) extending a building that is wholly or principally for use as a passenger terminal;
- (d) constructing a new taxiway where the extension significantly increases the capacity of the airport to handle movements of passengers, cargo or aircraft;
- (e) constructing a new parking apron for loading and unloading of aircraft passengers or cargo;
- (f) constructing a new cargo terminal;
- (g) constructing new hangars, fuel farms, buildings used for in-flight catering, fire-fighting services or aircraft maintenance facilities; or
- (h) such other development as may be prescribed by regulations.

International airport

81.(1) No person shall construct or establish an international airport unless that person obtains the relevant written approval in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5).

(2) In considering whether to issue a written approval referred to in subsection (1), the relevant authority under the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5) shall take into account, *inter alia*, the need to minimize so far as is reasonably practicable

- (a) any adverse effects on the environment;
- (b) any disturbance to the public from noise, vibration, atmospheric pollution; and
- (c) any detrimental effect associated with the operation and use of an international airport and aircraft for the purpose of civil aviation.

(3) No person shall operate an international airport unless that person obtains an international airport operator certificate.

(4) Where a person applies for an international airport operator certificate, the Director General shall conduct such inspections, assessments and tests as are necessary to confirm that the international airport site meets the standards specified in the Chicago Convention for international airports.

(5) Where

(a) the Director General conducts the inspections, assessments and tests and is satisfied that all of the requirements and standards have been met; and

(b) the Authority is satisfied that the applicant has complied with all applicable enactments for the establishment of an international airport,

the Authority may issue an international airport operator certificate with such operational specifications as the Director General thinks necessary.

(6) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for 5 years or to both.

(7) For the purposes of this section, reference to “international airport” means an airport which enables a person to travel from one country to another country.

PART X

CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION

Civil aircraft register

82.(1) The Authority shall establish a national aircraft register for all Barbados aircraft and that register shall be kept in the form and manner prescribed by the Authority.

(2) A register referred to in subsection (1) shall be open to inspection by any member of the public at all reasonable times at the offices of the Authority.

Unlawful to operate civil aircraft unless registered

83. No person shall operate a civil aircraft in Barbados unless the aircraft is

- (a) registered in Barbados; or
- (b) registered under the laws of any other contracting state.

Requirement for aircraft registration

84.(1) An aircraft may be registered in Barbados if the aircraft is not registered in any other country and is owned by

- (a) a citizen of Barbados;
 - (b) a permanent resident within the meaning of the *Immigration Act*, Cap. 190;
 - (c) a company incorporated or registered under the *Companies Act*, Cap. 308; or
 - (d) the Government.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Authority may authorize the registration of an aircraft which is privately owned by an individual or a corporation of another state.

Aircraft journey log book

85. The air operator of an aircraft engaged in international navigation shall maintain in respect of the aircraft a journey log book, kept on board the aircraft, in which the pilot-in-command shall enter particulars of the aircraft, crew of the aircraft and of each journey, in such form as may be prescribed in the Regulations pursuant to Article 34 of the Chicago Convention.

Registration not to be considered as evidence of ownership

86. An aviation document issued under this Act shall not be considered evidence as to ownership in any proceedings under the laws of Barbados if ownership of the aircraft by a particular person is or may be in issue.

Registration of aircraft may be suspended or revoked

87. A registration granted in respect of an aircraft may be suspended or revoked by the Authority in the public interest.

Discharge of certain functions and duties under Article 83 bis of the Chicago Convention

88.(1) The Authority may, pursuant to Article 83 bis of the Chicago Convention and bilateral agreement with aeronautical authorities of another State which has ratified Article 83 bis, transfer to, accept or recognize from that State all or part of their respective functions and duties with respect to registered aircraft under Article 12 (Rules of the Air), Article 30 (Aircraft Radio Equipment), Article 31 (Certificate of Airworthiness) or Article 32(a) (Licenses of Personnel) of the Chicago Convention.

(2) The Authority shall relinquish responsibility with respect to the functions and duties transferred to the Authority under subsection (1) for Barbados registered aircraft transferred abroad and accept responsibility with respect to the functions and duties under those articles of the Convention, for aircraft registered abroad that are transferred to Barbados.

(3) The Authority may predicate in the agreement, the transfer of functions and duties under this subsection on any conditions the Authority deems necessary and prudent except that the Authority may not transfer responsibilities for Barbados registered aircraft to a country that the Authority determines is not compliant with its obligation under international law for safety oversight of civil aviation.

- (4) The Authority may, pursuant to an agreement entered into under this section, recognize certificates and licences issued or rendered valid by the State of an operator.
- (5) The Authority shall notify and inform the ICAO and other States concerned of the transfer arrangement and of the existence of an agreement.
- (6) The Authority shall have the power to exchange with foreign governments through appropriate authorities of the Government of Barbados, information pertaining to civil aviation.

PART XI

AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AND PERMITS

Air operators engaging in commercial air transport

89.(1) No air operator shall engage in commercial air transport unless that air operator holds an air transport licence, permit, or other authorization, from the Authority to do so.

(2) A person who engages in air transport without first obtaining the relevant aviation document is guilty of an offence.

Requirements for an air transport licence and permits

90.(1) The Authority may issue an air transport licence, permit, or other authorization, to an air operator where the Authority is satisfied that the air operator

- (a) is in a position to meet at any time its actual and potential financial obligations for a period specified by the Authority from the commencement of operations; and

- (b) has the ability to adequately, safely and securely perform the transportation activity covered by its application and meet the requirements of this Act and the regulations.
- (2) The Director General may, at any time, vary, suspend, or revoke a licence, permit, or other authorization granted pursuant to this Part.
- (3) The Director General may exercise his powers under subsection (2) to revoke, suspend, or vary a licence, permit, or other authorization, at any time, if he is not satisfied that all or any of the requirements in subsection (1) are being met.
- (4) The Director General may, by notice in writing served on the holder of the licence, permit, or other authorization, direct that the licence, permit or other authorization shall not be effective during a period specified in the notice.
- (5) The Director General may, while a licence, permit, or other authorization is ineffective by virtue of a notice under subsection (4), by a further notice in writing served on the holder, provide that the licence, permit, or other authorization shall be effective on or after a date specified in the further notice, but the further notice shall not prejudice the Director General's powers under subsection (2).

Foreign air operator certificate

91. The Authority may issue a foreign air operator certificate to a person where it is satisfied that the person meets

- (a) relevant ICAO requirements; and
 - (b) the prescribed requirements under this Act,
- to operate as a foreign air operator.

Foreign air operators engaging in commercial air transport

92.(1) No foreign air operator shall engage in commercial air transport into or out of Barbados unless that foreign air operator is in possession of

- (a)* an air transport licence granted in accordance with section 90; and
 - (b)* a foreign air operator certificate issued pursuant to section 91.
- (2)** Subsection (1) shall not apply to an aircraft
- (a)* that lands in or flies across Barbados without embarking or disembarking passengers, cargo or mail;
 - (b)* operating in accordance with an agreement made between Barbados and any other contracting state which specifically exempts the foreign air operator from the application of subsection (1); or
 - (c)* exempted by the Authority in writing.

Non-compliance by foreign air operators

93.(1) Where the Authority identifies a case of non-compliance with the laws of Barbados or a serious safety concern by a foreign air operator, the Authority shall notify the air operator, and if the case warrants

- (a)* notify the state of the air operator or the state of registry; and
 - (b)* engage in consultations with the state of the air operator or the state of registry, concerning the safety standards maintained by the air operator.
- (2)** The Authority may place a condition on a licence or suspend or revoke a licence issued under section 90 for failure to comply with any provision of this Act or any other enactment.

Surveillance of operations

94. The Authority shall establish a programme with procedures for the surveillance of operations in Barbados by local and foreign air operators and for taking appropriate action when necessary to preserve safety.

Insurance requirements of air operators

95.(1) Every air operator flying within Barbados shall have adequate insurance for its aviation-specific liability in respect of passengers, baggage, cargo and third parties.

(2) The insured risks include

- (a) acts of war, terrorism, hijacking or acts of sabotage;
- (b) unlawful seizure of aircraft and civil commotion; and
- (c) damage to the hull.

(3) Section 96 applies to each air operator with such modifications and adaptations as may be necessary.

Liability Insurance

96.(1) Any person referred to in subsection (2)

- (a) shall maintain adequate insurance as prescribed by order by the Director General, with the approval of the Minister, which covers his liability
 - (i) under this Act; and
 - (ii) in respect of any compensation which may be owing to third parties, including compensation costs associated with accident and incident investigations conducted pursuant to the *Civil Aviation (Air Navigation Services and Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Act, 2022* (Act 2022-20); and

- (b) shall submit documentation to the Authority which shows that he is compliant with paragraph (a) of this subsection on a quarterly basis.
- (2) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are as follows:
 - (a) the aircraft maintenance service provider;
 - (b) the aviation fuel supplier;
 - (c) the ground handling service provider; and
 - (d) the air operator.
- (3) Where a person to whom this section applies fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with subsection (1), the Authority may, where applicable,
 - (a) refuse to issue that person with an aviation document;
 - (b) suspend any aviation document issued to that person; or
 - (c) revoke any aviation document issued to that person,to operate under this Act.
- (4) A person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to a fine of \$5,000,000.

Service of documents

- 97.(1)** An air operator shall, in writing, notify the Authority of a local address of
- (a) a place of business of the air operator; or
 - (b) an agent of the air operator,
- where the Authority may deliver documents to the air operator.
- (2) A delivery to the address shall be deemed to be a delivery made on the air operator.

PART XII

CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY AND SAFETY

Civil aviation security: responsibilities and functions of Authority

98.(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Authority is the appropriate authority for aviation security in Barbados.

(2) The Authority shall, in relation to its regulation and oversight of civil aviation security,

- (a) develop, implement and maintain the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP);
- (b) ensure the effective implementation of the NCASP;
- (c) respond rapidly to any emerging security threat;
- (d) make a written version of the appropriate parts of all relevant national documentation, including the national civil aviation security programme, available through the Authority's website or any other arrangement that the Authority deems appropriate to airport and aircraft operators, and air traffic service providers operating within Barbados and other entities concerned to enable them to meet the requirements of the national civil aviation security programme;
- (e) conduct regular reviews of civil aviation and the security system in order to
 - (i) monitor the security performance of the civil aviation industry;
 - (ii) identify security-related trends and risk factors; and
 - (iii) promote the improvement of the security system;
- (f) conduct regular and timely assessments of the security systems;

- (g) review and ensure the adequacy of aviation security programmes and associated documentation produced by aerodrome operators, air operators, catering operators, regulated agents, ground handling service providers and cargo operators; and
- (h) regulate the security operations of aerodrome operators, aircraft operators, regulated agents, ground handling and catering service providers for the purpose of
 - (i) protecting passengers, crew members, users of an aerodrome, aerodrome staff, aerodrome and other aviation facilities;
 - (ii) preventing acts of aerial or air piracy and any other unlawful interference against civil aviation; and
 - (iii) ensuring that appropriate action is taken when an act of aerial or air piracy or any unlawful interference occurs or is likely to occur.

National Civil Aviation Security Committee

99.(1) There shall be established a National Civil Aviation Security Committee for the purposes of co-ordinating security activities between government departments, agencies and organizations in Barbados, the airport, aircraft operators, air navigation service providers and any other entity involved in the implementation of various aspects of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme.

(2) The *Third Schedule* has effect with respect to the constitution and management of the Committee and otherwise in relation thereto.

Functions of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee

100. The terms of reference of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee are as follows:

- (a)* to approve a written National Civil Aviation Security Programme, in consultation with the Authority, in compliance with the Chicago Convention that shall
 - (i)* set out the Government's security policy in respect of aviation in Barbados and in respect of aircraft registered in Barbados; and
 - (ii)* provide through the establishment of standards and guidelines, the necessary safeguards against acts of unlawful interference;
- (b)* to develop policy and implement systematic measures to ensure that there are surveys, inspections, audits, tests and investigations of security standards by
 - (i)* advising on aviation security measures necessary to meet threats to aviation; and
 - (ii)* keeping the implementation of such measures under constant review and make recommendations for changes to such measures in response to new threat information, developments in aviation security technology and techniques, and any other factors;
- (c)* to define and allocate tasks in accordance with Government policy for implementation of the National Civil Aviation Security Policy between agencies, airline operators and other concerned parties;
- (d)* to develop technical criteria to be met by those persons responsible for implementing security measures under the National Civil Aviation Security Policy;
- (e)* to systematically monitor and constantly analyse the level of threat to civil aviation in Barbados and keep the Minister and the Board apprised

of such matters by issuing a monthly report to the Minister and the Board;

- (f)* to assess the impact on aviation security of security related decisions taken by the industry at all levels and conduct regular and timely assessment of international security developments;
- (g)* to advise the Minister on the aviation security measures required to meet threats to civil aviation and civil aviation facilities;
- (h)* to review and recommend approval of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme, National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme, and the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme, including re-evaluating security measures and procedures following an act of unlawful interference, and taking such action as may be necessary to remedy weaknesses and prevent the recurrence of any act of unlawful interference;
- (i)* to consider recommendations made by the Airport Security Committee of the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc., and, where appropriate, recommend changes to the Authority;
- (j)* to co-ordinate the exchange and dissemination of information on incidents, threats and appropriate counter measures relating to the security of civil aviation among departments, agencies and other entities responsible for the implementation of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme, based on threat assessments;
- (k)* to receive, collate, analyse and disseminate information on any threat or incident and information on the numbers and types of prohibited articles discovered or confiscated and provide a technical reference and information centre for the use of the Authority, airport administrators, operators and security services;
- (l)* to promote security considerations in the design of new airports or the expansion of existing facilities;

- (m) to develop national standards relating to the specifications of security equipment, systems and airport design;
- (n) to develop and implement a National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme, a Quality Management System, a Security Management System Programme, and a National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme in accordance with the applicable standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 17 of the Chicago Convention;
- (o) to develop and implement policy in respect of the development, promotion, production and the dissemination of suitable training materials that can be used in the training of persons concerned with the implementation of the National Civil Aviation Security Policy;
- (p) to develop and implement regulations and policies for a certification system for the purpose of certifying aviation security personnel involved in the implementation of the National Civil Aviation Security Policy;
- (q) to disseminate copies of all relevant national documentation inclusive of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme to all airport operators, aircraft operators and all other appropriate security entities operating in Barbados to enable them to meet the requirements of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme;
- (r) in coordination with the Authority to recommend for promulgation and coordinate the implementation of changes to national aviation security policies;
- (s) to promote security considerations in the design of new airports or the expansion of existing facilities;
- (t) to review recommendations made by the Airport Security Committee and other relevant committees; and

- (u) to establish means of cooperation with international organizations and other States so as to achieve common minimum aviation security standards that enhance the security of civil aviation as a whole.

National Civil Aviation Security Programme

- 101.**(1) There shall be a National Civil Aviation Security Programme.
- (2) The National Civil Aviation Security Programme shall be binding on
- (a) any security officer or aviation security officer and any other person involved in the application of such security; and
 - (b) any other person, including a member of the public, where the requirements of the National Civil Aviation Programme has been brought to the attention of that person by the Authority by such means as the Authority considers necessary.

State Safety Programme

- 102.**(1) The Director General shall establish and maintain a Civil Aviation Safety Programme for Barbados to ensure the observance of safety in all aspects of the aviation industry in Barbados.
- (2) A safety management system and a safety management manual containing the details of that system shall, with the approval of the Authority, be established and maintained by the relevant organization or entity in respect of each of the following:
- (a) manned and unmanned aircraft operators;
 - (b) aerial work operators;
 - (c) aerodrome operators;
 - (d) approved maintenance organizations;
 - (e) aviation training organizations;
 - (f) aviation handling agents; and

- (g) aviation service providers.
- (3) The safety management system for each organization or entity referred to in subsection (2) shall include
- (a) the reporting of incidents that caused or could have caused damage to equipment or to a facility or injury to staff or a customer;
 - (b) the appointment of a manager or senior officer to be responsible for implementation of the safety management system;
 - (c) ensuring provision is made for the protection and confidentiality of a whistle-blower with respect to concerns or breaches of the safety management system or other safety matters;
 - (d) recording and routine analysis of safety reports by a safety committee; and
 - (e) appointing an individual who reports to a manager or a senior officer to function as a safety officer with direct responsibility for the management, record keeping and effectiveness of the system.
- (4) The safety management system manual referred to in subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Director General for his approval before the manual is used by the organization.
- (5) The Director General shall ensure that any information related to the safety management system and the safety management system manual for an organization is kept confidential so as to ensure their effectiveness.

Safety and security inspections

103.(1) The Director General may, in writing, require

- (a) security service providers;
- (b) aerodrome operators;
- (c) air navigation service providers;
- (d) air operators;

- (e) maintenance organizations;
- (f) handling agents;
- (g) any similar person operating at an aerodrome; or
- (h) any other holder of an aviation document,

to undergo or to carry out inspections and monitoring necessary to ensure that established international security standards for the protection of aircraft and the travelling public are achieved and maintained.

(2) The Director General, an Inspector, or any person authorized by the Director General, on the directions of the Director General may, in respect of any person described in subsection (1), carry out inspections, tests or surveillance to verify that the approved security systems and procedures are functioning effectively.

(3) The provisions of section 70 and section 73 relating to inspections apply to inspections under this section.

Act of violence or unlawful interference at an air navigation facility or on an aircraft

104.(1) No person shall commit

- (a) an act of unlawful interference on-board an aircraft which is likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft or the safety of the persons thereon;
- (b) an act of violence against a person on-board an aircraft in flight if that act is likely to endanger the safety of that aircraft or the safety of persons thereon; or
- (c) an act of violence or unlawful interference at an air navigation facility using any device, substance or weapon which causes or is likely to cause serious injury or death at that air navigation facility.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.

- (3) For the purposes of this Act,
- (a) “act of unlawful interference” means an act which is likely to jeopardize or jeopardizes the security or safety of civil aviation and air transport including the following:
- (i) unlawful seizure of an aircraft;
 - (ii) forcible intrusion on-board an aircraft, at an airport or at a facility or on the premises relating to aeronautics;
 - (iii) the destruction of an aircraft in service;
 - (iv) hostage-taking on-board an aircraft or on an aerodrome;
 - (v) introduction of an unauthorized or a disguised weapon, a hazardous device or material on-board an aircraft or at an airport, or any security restricted area;
 - (vi) communication of false information so as to jeopardize the safety of
 - (A) aircraft in flight or on the ground; or
 - (B) passengers, crew, ground personnel or the general public at an airport or at the premises of a civil aviation facility;
 - (vii) use of an aircraft for the purpose of causing death, serious bodily harm or serious damage to property or the environment;
 - (viii) destruction of or serious damage to an airport or aircraft located at the airport which is likely to endanger safety at the airport;
 - (ix) disruption of services at an airport where such disruption is likely to endanger safety at the airport;
 - (x) destruction of, or serious damage to, an air navigation facility or interference with the operation of an air navigation facility which is likely to endanger the safety of aircraft in flight; or

- (xi) placing or causing to be placed a device or substance on an aircraft which is likely to
 - (A) destroy or cause damage to the aircraft;
 - (B) render the aircraft incapable of flight; or
 - (C) endanger the safety of the aircraft when in flight; and
- (b) “act of violence” means
 - (i) the offence of terrorism under the *Anti-Terrorism Act and Counter-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act*, Cap. 158;
 - (ii) the offence of murder, manslaughter, assault or any offence involving bodily harm under the *Offences Against the Person Act*, Cap. 141; or
 - (iii) an offence committed outside Barbados that would, if committed in Barbados, constitute an offence specified in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

Screening of persons, baggage and cargo

105.(1) An airport security officer, a customs officer or an employee or agent of a carrier may, with the consent of the passenger, screen the passenger and his baggage before that passenger boards any aircraft for the purpose of air travel.

(2) Where the passenger referred to in subsection (1) refuses to allow himself or his baggage to be screened, the carrier or agent of a carrier shall refuse to carry that passenger.

(3) A carrier is not liable to any civil proceedings other than proceedings in respect of any right that the passenger may have for the recovery of the fare, or any part thereof, by reason of the fact that the carrier has refused to carry the passenger who has refused to allow himself or his baggage to be screened.

- (4) With respect to any screening made pursuant to subsection (1),
- (a) screening personnel shall conduct security screening of persons in a manner that is no more intrusive than necessary to detect and resolve security alarms or to detect prohibited articles;
 - (b) a person shall not be required to remove any article of clothing, other than a head-gear, belt, shoes, coat, or other outer clothing, or such article of clothing as set out in the National Civil Aviation Security Programme; and
 - (c) a person shall only be screened in accordance with the provisions of the approved Aircraft Operator Security Programme or Airport Security Programme.
- (5) An employee or agent of the carrier or any member of the Police Service, may examine any cargo before the cargo is loaded into any aircraft for the purpose of being carried by air from a place in Barbados to any other place.

Search of persons refusing to consent to screening

106.(1) Where a person has refused consent to the screening of himself or his baggage and a member of the Police Service has reasonable grounds to suspect that in relation to an aircraft on which that person was to be carried

- (a) an act of unlawful interference;
- (b) an act of violence; or
- (c) any other offence under this Act,

is being or is likely to be committed, whether by that person or by another person, the member of the Police Service may, without a warrant, screen the person, detain him for the purpose of the screen and take possession of any prohibited article found in the course of that screen.

(2) A member of the Police Service who exercises the powers of screening conferred by subsection (1) shall identify himself to the person and produce evidence to the person that he is a member of the Police Service.

False statement for baggage

107.(1) Where in relation to any baggage, cargo or stores, whether belonging to him or to another person intended for carriage by an aircraft operating in Barbados, a person makes a statement that he knows or ought to have known to be false in a material particular in answer to a question that is put to him

- (a) by any of the persons mentioned in subsection (2);
- (b) by any employee or agent of a person mentioned in subsection (2); or
- (c) by a member of the Police Service on duty,

that person is guilty of an offence.

(2) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are

- (a) the aerodrome operator;
- (b) the manager or supervisor employed by the carrier or the agent of a carrier; or
- (c) a person authorized by the aerodrome operator
 - (i) who is permitted to have access to a restricted area of an airport for the purposes of the activities of a business carried on by him; and
 - (ii) who has control in that restricted area over the baggage, cargo or stores to which the question relates.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$75,000 or to imprisonment for 3 years or to both.

Unauthorized presence on-board aircraft

108.(1) A person shall not

- (a) get into or onto an aircraft at an airport in Barbados except with the permission of the air operator of the aircraft or a person acting on his behalf; or
- (b) remain on an aircraft at an airport after being requested to leave by the air operator of the aircraft or a person acting on his behalf.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) without lawful authority or reasonable excuse is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 2 years or to both.

A person being a danger to others

109. A person on-board an aircraft in flight who

- (a) engages in behaviour to such extent as to give rise to a reasonable apprehension that he is likely to endanger the safety of himself or the safety of others on-board the aircraft; or
- (b) without justification engages in behaviour that is likely to cause serious offence or annoyance to any person on-board the aircraft at any time after having been requested by a member of the crew of the aircraft to cease such behaviour,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$75,000 or to imprisonment for 3 years or to both.

General powers of arrest

110.(1) A member of the Police Service may without a warrant arrest a person within an airport

- (a) where he has reasonable cause to believe that person has contravened any provision of this Act or the regulations and the member of the

Police Service does not know and cannot ascertain the name and address of that person; or

- (b) where that person, in contravention of any provision of this Act or the regulations, fails or refuses to leave the airport or any particular part thereof after being requested by a member of the Police Service to do so.

(2) A member of the Police Service may, without a warrant, arrest any person who is in the vicinity of a prohibited area or a restricted area where he has reasonable grounds to believe that an offence has been or is being committed by that person under the *Hijacking Act*, Cap. 135A.

(3) A person who, when called upon to do so by a member of the Police Service, in good faith assists him in arresting any person is not guilty of any offence and is not liable to any civil proceedings in pursuance of that assistance.

Additional powers of Police Service

111.(1) A member of the Police Service may

- (a) stop any person who is leaving a cargo area in an airport that is part of a prohibited area or restricted area and inspect any goods carried by that person;
- (b) stop and search any vehicle or aircraft which is leaving any cargo area and inspect the vehicle or aircraft and any goods carried on or in it; and
- (c) detain in the area
 - (i) any goods for which there is not produced an official document signed by the appropriate authority authorizing their removal from that area; and
 - (ii) any vehicle or aircraft so long as there are on or in it goods liable to detention under this paragraph.

(2) In this section, "cargo area" means an area which appears to be used wholly or mainly for the storage or handling of cargo, whether as a prohibited area, restricted area or otherwise.

PART XIII

NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION

National Air Transport Facilitation Committee

112.(1) There shall be established a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee for the purposes of co-ordinating facilitation activities between the departments, agencies and other organizations of Barbados, airport and aircraft operators and other entities concerned with or responsible for the implementation of various aspects of the National Air Transport Facilitation Programme.

(2) The *Fourth Schedule* has effect with respect to the constitution and management of the Committee and otherwise in relation thereto.

Functions of the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee

113. The functions of the Facilitation Committee are

- (a) to establish a National Air Transport Facilitation Programme in compliance with the Chicago Convention that shall
 - (i) set out the Government's security policy in respect of civil aviation within Barbados and in respect of Barbados aircraft overseas; and
 - (ii) provide, through the establishment of standards and guidelines, the necessary safeguards against acts of unlawful interference;
- (b) to implement and manage the provisions of the National Air Transport Facilitation Programme in Barbados;

- (c) to ensure co-ordination between relevant ministries and agencies to remove unnecessary obstacles and delays and improve efficiency and service levels of civilian air transport services;
- (d) to develop and implement the provisions of the National Air Transport Facilitation Programme in accordance with the provisions of the Chicago Convention;
- (e) to review and consider recommendations to enhance facilitation of civil air transport made by relevant entities;
- (f) to facilitate and expedite the clearance of aircraft landing in Barbados or overflying the airspace and ensure that arriving and departing passengers, aircraft, cargo and mail are not subjected to unnecessary delays at the points of entry or exit;
- (g) to encourage the development of best practices in all areas of facilitation of civil air transport and inter-agency functions with immigration, customs and public health with respect to the handling of persons with disabilities;
- (h) to advise the Board and the Minister, as necessary, of any need to amend the Barbados legislation to maintain compliance with the Chicago Convention or any other international agreement in relation to the facilitation of civil air transport;
- (i) to inform relevant Government Departments and other relevant agencies or organizations of significant facilitation developments in the field of civil aviation and invite feedback with respect to the National Air Transport Facilitation Programme as appropriate;
- (j) to undertake any matters related to air transport facilitation as directed by the Chairman and ensure operations are carried out in such a manner as to accomplish effective compliance with the laws of Barbados, while maintaining a high level of productivity for the operators, airports and agencies involved;

- (k) to improve facilitation by co-operating with other states, particularly those partner states where bilateral air services are in place through their civil aviation entities in order to seek uniform solutions to common problems;
- (l) to co-ordinate with the National Civil Aviation Security Committee on security related elements of facilitation matters and to ensure that there is a balance between the two areas while maintaining the inherent efficiency and speed of civil aviation activity;
- (m) to advise the Minister on matters relating to the aviation industry;
- (n) to review, evaluate and maintain the effectiveness of the programmes and procedures and to take such action as may be necessary to remedy any weaknesses; and
- (o) to keep under constant review the civil aviation operations in Barbados and to make adjustments as necessary to the Programme.

National Air Transport Facilitation Programme

- 114.(1)** There shall be a National Air Transport Facilitation Programme.
- (2) The National Air Transport Facilitation Programme shall be binding on
- (a) any official in the service of Barbados, any security officer or aviation security officer and any other person involved in the application of such security; and
 - (b) any other person, including a member of the public where the requirements of the National Civil Aviation Programme has been brought to the attention of that person by the Director General by such means as the Director General considers necessary.

PART XIV

APPEALS

Establishment of Tribunal

115.(1) There shall be a Civil Aviation Tribunal which shall hear appeals in accordance with this Act.

(2) The *Fifth Schedule* has effect with respect to the constitution of the Tribunal and otherwise in relation thereto.

Appeal to Tribunal

116. A person who is aggrieved by any decision made under this Act may appeal to the Tribunal for redress within 14 days of the date of the decision.

Disclosure of interest

117. Where a member of the Tribunal has a pecuniary or other interest in a matter before the Tribunal, that member shall disclose his interest to the Chairman and the Tribunal; and that member shall not be eligible to determine the matter.

Experts

118.(1) The Tribunal may hear evidence from experts or persons having technical or special knowledge to assist the Tribunal in an advisory capacity.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), the Authority shall fix the remuneration of such experts or persons to assist the Tribunal in an advisory capacity.

Reasons for decision

119. On the determination of an appeal the Tribunal shall, in writing, furnish the parties with its decision and the reasons for the decision.

Appeal to High Court

120. Where a person is aggrieved by a decision of the Tribunal, that person may appeal to the High Court.

Annual report from Tribunal

121. The Tribunal shall, not later than the 30th June in each year, submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the preceding year; and the Minister shall cause the report to be laid in each House of Parliament.

PART XV

OFFENCES

General Offences

Interpretation

122. In this Part,

“firearm” means any gun, rifle or pistol, whether or not it is

- (a) able to discharge a bullet, shot, missile or other projectile; or
- (b) assembled, in parts, broken or in disrepair;

“prohibited item” includes any

- (a) firearm;
- (b) dangerous or offensive weapon or instrument;
- (c) ammunition;
- (d) explosive substance or device or any other substance or device which may be used to endanger the safety of an aircraft or a person on board an aircraft;

- (e) imitation of an item or substance described in paragraphs (a) to (d);
- (f) blunt, pointed or bladed item which is capable of being used to cause injury;
- (g) chemical, toxic, explosive or highly combustible substance which poses a risk to the health of persons on board an aircraft or which poses a risk to the safety of an aircraft; and
- (h) property or object capable or which appears capable of discharging a projectile or causing injury that the Authority declares by order to be a prohibited item;

“prohibited substance” means a controlled drug within the meaning of section 3 of the *Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) Act*, Cap. 131; and

“security pass” means a pass which is issued by an aerodrome operator to employees or other authorized personnel of an aerodrome to allow those employees or other authorized personnel regulated access to secured or restricted areas of the aerodrome.

General offences

123.(1) No person shall

- (a) knowingly make a false representation for the purpose of obtaining an aviation document;
- (b) knowingly make a false entry in a load sheet, a report or other document required under this Act or knowingly omit to enter any particulars that ought to be entered therein;
- (c) make a report which is false or misleading where a report is required under this Act;
- (d) issue an aviation document when not authorized to do so;
- (e) operate as a crew member on an aircraft whilst under the influence of alcohol or a prohibited substance;

- (f)* wilfully operate an aircraft that has been detained pursuant to this Act;
- (g)* knowingly operate any aircraft for which there is no certificate of airworthiness or operate any aircraft in violation of the terms of a certificate of airworthiness which has been issued for the aircraft;
- (h)* offer to, accept for carriage or carry dangerous goods on an aircraft without authorization under this Act or any other relevant enactment;
- (i)* interfere with
 - (i)* the navigational equipment or safety equipment of an aircraft;
 - (ii)* an aircraft; or
 - (iii)* the safety service facilities at an aerodrome,so as to endanger persons or to endanger the safety of the aircraft or the aerodrome;
- (j)* operate as a pilot of an aircraft without the relevant aviation document;
- (k)* operate as an air operator without the relevant aviation document;
- (l)* use an aircraft in the airspace of Barbados for the purposes of emitting or displaying an advertisement or communication in such a manner that the advertisement or communication is audible or visible from the ground;
- (m)* display or cause to be displayed on an aircraft marks which are false or misleading as to the registration of the aircraft;
- (n)* knowingly contravene a condition contained in an aviation document which is issued to him; or
- (o)* wilfully or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft
 - (i)* without the required permit;
 - (ii)* in a manner that endangers the safety of any person, property or other aircraft;

- (iii) within restricted or prohibited airspace without prior authorization; or
- (iv) for the purpose of committing or facilitating a criminal act.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.

Obstruction of officers undertaking duties

124. Any person who wilfully obstructs or encourages another person to obstruct

- (a) an employee or agent of the Authority or any other relevant person from carrying out a function or duty under this Act; or
- (b) any examination or investigation which is required under this Act,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.

Refusal to follow lawful instruction, answer inquiries or produce documents or materials

125.(1) A person who refuses to follow a lawful instruction given by an employee or agent of the Authority or a member of the Police Service for the purpose of

- (a) ensuring safety at the aerodrome;
- (b) ensuring the safety of property or any person at an aerodrome; or
- (c) maintaining good order at the aerodrome,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000.

(2) A person who refuses for the purposes of an inspection, examination or investigation under this Act to

- (a) answer any lawful inquiry; or

(b) produce documents or materials,
is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000.

Offences at Aerodrome or Airport

Offences at aerodrome

- 126.** A person who at an aerodrome,
- (a) assaults, intimidates, threatens or interferes with
 - (i) an airport security officer or any other officer on duty at the aerodrome; or
 - (ii) a member of the Police Service while on duty at the aerodrome;
 - (b) intentionally obstructs or encourages another person to wilfully obstruct
 - (i) an airport security officer or any other officer on duty at the aerodrome; or
 - (ii) a member of the Police Service,from performing his duties or functions at the aerodrome;
 - (c) intentionally damages or destroys property at the aerodrome;
 - (d) intentionally uses any device, substance, firearm, weapon or explosives in a manner to
 - (i) endanger a person;
 - (ii) destroy or seriously damage facilities at the aerodrome;
 - (iii) destroy or seriously damage an aircraft; or
 - (iv) disrupt the services at the aerodrome; or
 - (e) negligently or recklessly acts in a manner likely to endanger a person,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 25 years or to both.

Impersonation of aerodrome personnel

127. A person who wilfully impersonates, whether by words or conduct, any person employed or engaged as an agent at an aerodrome is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.

Entry into secured or restricted areas of aerodrome

128.(1) A person shall not enter a secured or restricted area of an aerodrome without a security pass or the relevant authorization from the aerodrome operator.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.

Security pass

129.(1) A person shall not

- (a) use his office to influence the issuance of a security pass to a person who is not properly entitled to such a security pass;
- (b) knowingly make a false statement for the purpose of obtaining a security pass or retaining the use of a security pass;
- (c) knowingly use a false or an unauthorized security pass to
 - (i) gain entry into a secured or restricted area of an aerodrome; or
 - (ii) gain access to an aircraft or an air navigation installation; or
- (d) use a security pass which has been issued to another person.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.

- (3) A holder of a security pass who
- (a) fails to comply with a condition or term which relates to the use of the security pass;
 - (b) fails to display the security pass at an aerodrome when required to do so by an aerodrome operator;
 - (c) fails to promptly return a security pass after
 - (i) its expiry; or
 - (ii) he is no longer authorized to possess it; or
 - (d) continues to use the security pass after it has expired,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 3 months or to both.

Prohibited items in a secured or restricted area

130.(1) A person shall not, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, take a prohibited item

- (a) into a secured or restricted area of an aerodrome; or
- (b) on board an aircraft.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 3 months or to both.

Trespassing at an aerodrome

131. A person who

- (a) trespasses; or
- (b) allows an animal to enter,

on land which forms part of an aerodrome is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.

Offences in respect of Passenger Safety and Security

Operating an aircraft in a negligent manner

132. A person who operates an aircraft or allows an aircraft to be operated in a manner that is likely to endanger persons or property is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction

- (a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 7 years or to both; and
- (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine of \$250,000.

Dangerous flying

133.(1) Notwithstanding section 132, where an aircraft is flown in such a manner as to cause danger to a person or damage to an aircraft or any other property, the pilot and the air operator are each guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction

- (a) in the case of individuals, to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 7 years or to both; and
 - (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine of \$250,000.
- (2) In any proceedings against the air operator in respect of an alleged offence under this section, it shall be a defence to prove that the act alleged to constitute the offence was done without the knowledge or consent of the air operator.

Passenger offences

- 134.(1)** No person shall, while boarding or while on board an aircraft,
- (a) intentionally or recklessly use any item, device, substance, firearm, weapon or explosive in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger
 - (i) a person; or
 - (ii) the safety of an aerodrome or elsewhere;
 - (b) use threatening language towards a crew member;
 - (c) behave in a threatening or disorderly manner towards a crew member;
 - (d) behave in a manner which interferes with the discharge of the functions and duties of a crew member;
 - (e) tamper or interfere with the aircraft, a component of the aircraft or aircraft equipment;
 - (f) refuse, without reasonable excuse, to follow a lawful instruction given by any crew member of the aircraft, any person employed at the aerodrome or employed by the Authority or a member of the Police Service for the purpose of
 - (i) securing the safety of the aircraft or the safety of persons or property on board the aircraft;
 - (ii) removing objects or hazards to secure the safety of the aircraft or persons or property on board the aircraft; or
 - (iii) maintaining order on board the aircraft; or
 - (g) operate a portable electronic device on board the aircraft contrary to an instruction given by a crew member or stated in a notice or sign which is on board the aircraft.

- (2) No person shall smoke on board any aircraft which is carrying passengers for hire and reward when instructed not to smoke by a crew member or stated in a notice or sign which is on board the aircraft.
- (3) This section applies to any act or omission
- (a) on an aircraft which is overseas and registered in Barbados; and
 - (b) which would be an offence if the act or omission occurs within Barbados or over the territorial waters of Barbados.
- (4) A person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$250,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 7 years or to both.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, reference to
- (a) “aircraft equipment” includes smoke detectors; and
 - (b) “smoke” means to smoke, hold or otherwise have control over a vaporizer pen, an ignited tobacco product, weed or plant, fake cigarette or any illegal or prohibited substance.

Operation without a medical certificate or a certificate of approval

- 135.(1)** Where in order to operate an aircraft a person is required
- (a) to obtain a medical certificate; or
 - (b) to obtain a certificate of approval from the Director General, in a case where the medical certificate is issued overseas,
- and that person operates an aircraft without obtaining a medical certificate or a certificate of approval from the Director General, that person is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 5 years or to both.
- (2) Where a person holds a medical certificate, whether issued in Barbados or overseas, which imposes conditions, restrictions or endorsements, and that person operates an aircraft without complying with such conditions, restrictions

or endorsements, that person is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 5 years or to both.

False and fraudulent documents and statements

136. A person who

- (a) knowingly makes or causes to be made a fraudulent, misleading or false statement for the purpose of obtaining
 - (i) a medical certificate for the purposes of this Act; or
 - (ii) a certificate of approval from the Director General of a medical certificate which is issued overseas;
- (b) fraudulently reproduces or alters a medical certificate, whether issued locally or overseas, or a certificate of approval from the Director General;
- (c) knowingly holds or uses a fraudulent medical certificate, whether issued locally or overseas, or a certificate of approval from the Director General;
- (d) knowingly makes or causes to be made a fraudulent, misleading or false entry in any logbook, record, form or report that is required to show compliance with any condition, restriction or endorsement on a validly issued medical certificate or a certificate of approval from the Director General; or
- (e) knowingly makes or causes to be made a fraudulent, misleading or false statement during an investigation conducted for the purposes of this section,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 5 years or to both.

Failure to disclose information on medical conditions

137. A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to disclose information required by the Director General for the purposes of investigating or determining the changes in a medical condition of an aviation document holder under this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 5 years or to both.

*General and Additional Penalties***General penalty**

138. A person who contravenes any provision of this Act for which no penalty is expressly provided is liable on summary conviction

- (a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 2 years; and
- (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine of \$25,000.

Additional penalty for offences

139.(1) In addition to any penalty imposed by a court on a person convicted of an offence under this Act, the court may

- (a) where applicable, disqualify the person from holding or obtaining an aviation document for such period not exceeding 12 months;
- (b) impose such restrictions or conditions, or both on any aviation document issued to the person prior to his conviction for such period not exceeding 12 months; or
- (c) if the court is satisfied that the offence was committed in the course of producing a commercial gain, order the person to pay to the court an amount not exceeding 3 times the value of any commercial gain resulting from the commission of the offence.

- (2) Where a court
- (a) makes an order pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1); or
 - (b) removes any disqualification as may be specified in an order made pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1),
- the court shall cause particulars of the order to be forwarded to the Authority.

Retention and custody of aviation documents

140.(1) Where a court makes an order in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b) of section 139(1), the person to whom the order applies shall immediately surrender any aviation document to the Director General.

(2) Where a person surrenders an aviation document pursuant to subsection (1), the Director General shall

- (a) endorse the terms of the disqualification, restriction or condition which relate to the aviation document; or
- (b) retain the aviation document until the disqualification, restriction or condition has expired or has been sooner removed and the person entitled to the document has made a request in writing for its return.

(3) Where a person entitled to an aviation document is a person to whom subsection (4) applies, the Director General shall not return the document to the person until that person has passed the tests and fulfilled the requirements referred to in that subsection.

(4) Where a person holding an aviation document is disqualified from holding or obtaining such document, and the disqualification expires before the expiration of the term of the aviation document, that aviation document, on the expiration of the disqualification, continues to be of no effect until the holder

- (a) undergoes and passes such tests; and
- (b) fulfils such requirements,

as the Director General may specify for applicants.

PART XVI

MISCELLANEOUS

Barbadian registered aircraft over high seas

141. All aircraft registered in Barbados, while being operated over the high seas, shall operate in accordance with the Rules of the Air prescribed by regulations made under section 152(1)(c), in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 2 of the Chicago Convention.

Interception of Aircraft

142.(1) The pilot-in-command of a Barbados registered civil aircraft or any other civil aircraft that is being operated by a Barbados operator that is in flight over the territory of another State shall comply with any marshalling signal, interception order or manoeuvre issued by an appropriate authority of the other State in compliance with Annex 2 of the Chicago Convention.

(2) The pilot-in-command of any aircraft, when in flight over Barbados, shall comply with any marshalling signal, interception order or manoeuvre issued by an appropriate authority of Barbados in compliance with the Rules of the Air Regulations made under the provisions of this Act, and in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 2 of the Chicago Convention.

(3) A person who fails to comply with subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$250 000 or to imprisonment for a term of 7 years or to both.

(4) In any proceedings for an offence committed under subsection (1) or (2) it is a defence if it is established that the person believed on reasonable grounds that compliance with the marshalling signal, interception order, or manoeuvre would be more likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft or of persons on board

the aircraft than would a failure to comply with the marshalling signal, interception order, or manoeuvre.

(5) In this section “Barbados Operator” means an air operator whose principle place of business or whose place of permanent residence is in Barbados.

Jurisdiction of the court

143.(1) The jurisdiction of the court shall extend to any offence under this Act if the act constituting the offence takes place on board

- (a) an aircraft registered in Barbados;
- (b) a leased aircraft whose principal place of business is in Barbados;
- (c) an aircraft which is in Barbados or flying over Barbados; and
- (d) any aircraft in flight outside Barbados if
 - (i) the next landing of the aircraft is Barbados;
 - (ii) the pilot-in-command of the aircraft has delivered a person suspected of committing the offence to relevant authorities for prosecution of the offence; and
 - (iii) the pilot-in-command or an air operator does not request another contracting state to prosecute the suspected person for such offence in accordance with the laws of that contracting state.

(2) For the purposes of this section, reference to the term “Barbados” includes territorial waters.

Detention of aircraft

144.(1) Where an air operator defaults in his payment of charges incurred for an aircraft at an aerodrome, an aerodrome operator of the aerodrome may,

- (a) pending payment of the charges by the air operator, detain
 - (i) the aircraft in respect of which the charges were incurred; or

- (ii) any other aircraft which the air operator owns which is at the aerodrome; and
 - (b) where the charges are not paid within 30 days after the date when the detention begins, sell the aircraft in order to satisfy the charges.
- (2) An aerodrome operator shall not detain or continue to detain an aircraft under this section by reason of any alleged default in the payment of airport charges where
 - (a) the air operator or any other person claiming an interest therein disputes that charges are due or incurred; and
 - (b) pending the determination of the dispute, the air operator gives the aerodrome operator sufficient security for the payment of the charges which are alleged to be due.
- (3) An aerodrome operator shall not sell an aircraft under this section without the leave of the High Court, irrespective of the charges which are alleged to be due.
- (4) Subject to subsection (3), the High Court shall not grant leave to sell an aircraft except on proof that
 - (a) a sum is due to the aerodrome operator for airport charges;
 - (b) default has been made in the payment thereof; and
 - (c) the aircraft which the air operator seeks leave to sell is liable to sale under this section by reason of the default.
- (5) An aerodrome operator who proposes to apply for leave to sell an aircraft under this section shall take such steps as may be prescribed for
 - (a) bringing the proposed application to the notice of persons whose interest may be affected by the determination of the High Court thereon; and
 - (b) affording to any person an opportunity of becoming a party to the proceedings on the application.

(6) Where the High Court grants leave to sell an aircraft, the aerodrome operator shall ensure that the aircraft is sold for the best price that can be reasonably obtained.

(7) Failure to comply with subsection (5) in respect of any sale, while actionable as against the aerodrome operator concerned at the suit of any person suffering loss in consequence thereof, shall not after the sale has taken place be a ground for impugning its validity.

(8) The proceeds of a sale under this section shall be applied in the following order:

- (a) in payment of any customs duty which is due as a result of the aircraft having been brought to Barbados;
- (b) in payment of the expenses incurred by the aerodrome operator in detaining, keeping and selling the aircraft, including the expenses relating to the application to the High Court;
- (c) in payment of the airport charges which the High Court has found to be due; and
- (d) where there is a surplus, the surplus shall be paid to the aircraft owner or air operator as appropriate.

(9) The power of detention conferred by subsection (1) may be exercised by the aerodrome operator

- (a) where the charges have been incurred by the air operator; or
- (b) on any subsequent occasion where the aircraft is at any aerodrome managed by the aerodrome operator.

(10) This section applies to any aerodrome owned by the State.

(11) For the purposes of this section, reference to the term "aircraft" includes any equipment or stores which are used in connection with the operation of the aircraft and carried in the aircraft, whether or not the equipment or stores belong to the air operator.

Exemptions

145.(1) The Authority may, by order, exempt any person from any requirement in regulations made pursuant to this Act where the Authority is satisfied that

- (a) it is just and equitable to do so;
 - (b) the granting of such exemption shall not compromise the safety of
 - (i) an aircraft, whether manned or unmanned;
 - (ii) an aerodrome;
 - (iii) a person on an aircraft;
 - (iv) a person in the vicinity of an aircraft, whether manned or unmanned;
 - (v) a person utilizing an aerodrome; and
 - (c) the exemption will not contravene the Chicago Convention or the State's compliance with relevant requirements of the ICAO.
- (2) Where the Authority grants an exemption pursuant to this section, the Authority may set out terms and conditions with respect to the exemption.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), where a person contravenes any terms and conditions stated within the exemption, the exemption is deemed to be revoked.
- (4) A person who desires an exemption under this section shall apply in writing to the Authority.

Sharing of information

146.(1) The Authority may disclose information which it receives to

- (a) an authorized official of the State; or

- (b) a duly authorized representative of the government of another country in connection with the enforcement of this Act or any other law of Barbados.
- (2) The Authority shall not disclose information to a person referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) unless
 - (a) there is a memorandum of understanding in respect of the use of the information; and
 - (b) the Authority is satisfied that the person has given an appropriate undertaking to protect the confidentiality of the information and for the control of the use of the information.

Confidentiality

- 147.(1)** No employee or agent of the Authority shall
- (a) use, either directly or indirectly, any confidential information obtained as a result of his relationship with the Authority for his own benefit or advantage; or
 - (b) disclose confidential information obtained as a result of his relationship with the Authority to any person other than to
 - (i) an authorized official of the State; or
 - (ii) a duly authorized representative of the government of another country in connection with the enforcement of this Act or any other law of Barbados.
- (2) A person who receives confidential information from a person specified in subsection (1) is subject to the provisions of this section as if he were a person specified in subsection (1).
- (3) A person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for 5 years or to both.

Publication of information

148. The Authority may publish in the *Official Gazette* and in a daily newspaper published and circulating in Barbados and, in such form as may be appropriate, any information which the Authority considers to be of public interest.

Protection of officers and agents

149. No action or other proceedings for damages shall be instituted against a member of the Authority or an employee or agent of the Authority in the discharge or purported discharge of his respective functions under this Act unless it is shown that the act or omission was done in bad faith.

Guidelines, operational manuals and operational regulations

- 150.(1)** The Authority may issue guidelines for the purpose of
- (a) establishing codes of conduct to govern the civil aviation sector;
 - (b) modernizing the civil aviation sector; and
 - (c) promoting international standards and practices in respect of the civil aviation sector.
- (2) Guidelines issued in accordance with subsection (1) shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.
- (3) The Authority may issue such operational manuals and operational regulations as it thinks fit in respect of the civil aviation sector.

General regulations

- 151.(1)** The Minister may make regulations
- (a) for the issuance and administration of air service licences and permits that may be subject to conditions, limitations and restrictions, to

- national and foreign operators where such national and foreign operators use aircraft for commercial purposes;
- (b) granting exemptions and deviations from Regulations made under the Act;
 - (c) prescribing the fees to be paid in respect of the issue, validation, renewal, extension or variation of any aviation document or the undergoing of any examination or test required by, or in pursuance of the Regulations, or in respect of any other matter for which it appears to the Minister to be expedient to charge fees;
 - (d) for general aviation operations within the territory and airspace of Barbados that may be subject to conditions, limitations and restrictions to ensure safety and security of civil aviation;
 - (e) for all aircraft of Maximum Takeoff Weight (MTOW) less than 750kgs engaged in recreational and sporting operations in the airspace above the territory of Barbados;
 - (f) ensuring that foreign operators operating in Barbados comply with the safety and security requirements of regulations made under the Act;
 - (g) for designation by the Director General of inspectors and appropriately qualified persons to perform any of the functions under the Act or Regulations made thereunder where such functions do not include self-regulation;
 - (h) conferring on such persons as may be specified, powers relating to the enforcement of any condition or prohibition; including powers to examine, take samples of, seize and detain any goods, to require a passenger carrying any baggage or packages containing goods to open such baggage or packages for inspection and to produce any document;
 - (i) making provision for emergencies;
 - (j) respecting any documents or information that must be supplied with any application under this Act;

- (k) relating to the hearing of matters under this Act in relation to aggrieved persons or to appeals to the Tribunal;
 - (l) prescribing any matter or thing required by this Act to be prescribed;
 - (m) respecting any matter required to carry out the purposes of this Act; and
 - (n) generally, for the proper administration of this Act.
- (2) Regulations made under subsection (1) are subject to negative resolution.

Technical regulations

152.(1) The Minister may, after consultation with the Director General, make regulations in respect of

- (a) carrying out and giving effect to the provisions of the Chicago Convention and Protocols which are ratified by Barbados;
- (b) licensing and surveillance of personnel and for the certification and surveillance of aviation training organizations in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 1 of the Chicago Convention;
- (c) rules of the air in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 2 of the Chicago Convention;
- (d) meteorology and for the certification and surveillance of aviation meteorological service providers in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 3 of the Chicago Convention;
- (e) aeronautical charts and for the certification and surveillance aviation aeronautical charts service providers in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 4 of the Chicago Convention;

- (f)* the units of measurements to be used in the air and ground operations in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 5 of the Chicago Convention;
- (g)* the operation of aircraft, namely
 - (i)* international commercial air transport operations for aeroplanes and helicopters;
 - (ii)* international general aviation operations for aeroplanes and helicopters;
 - (iii)* the certification and surveillance of aircraft operators;
 - (iv)* the conditions under which passengers, goods and cargo may be carried by air; and
 - (v)* the certification and surveillance of approved maintenance organizations, in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 6 of the Chicago Convention;
- (h)* the registration of civil aircraft in Barbados in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 7 of the Chicago Convention;
- (i)* certifying the airworthiness of civil aircraft and for adopting international airworthiness standards for aeronautical products in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 8 of the Chicago Convention;
- (j)* securing the efficiency and regularity of the operations of air navigation and the safety and security of aircraft and of persons and property carried thereon and of persons and property on the ground in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 9 of the Chicago Convention;
- (k)* aeronautical telecommunication and for adopting international standards for aeronautical telecommunication products in accordance

with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 10 of the Chicago Convention;

- (l) air traffic control, the certification and surveillance of air traffic control service providers and control of the airspace above the territory of Barbados in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 11 of the Chicago Convention;
- (m) search and rescue operations and for search and rescue service providers in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 12 of the Chicago Convention;
- (n) conducting aircraft accidents and incidents investigations in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 13 of the Chicago Convention;
- (o) safety and security of aerodromes and other aviation facilities, aerodrome certification, licensing, permits, approvals and surveillance of aerodromes and heliports in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 14 of the Chicago Convention;
- (p) aeronautical information services and the certification and surveillance of aeronautical information service providers in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 15 of the Chicago Convention;
- (q) aircraft noise and aircraft engine emissions in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 16 of the Chicago Convention;
- (r) aviation security, the certification and surveillance of aviation service providers in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 17 of the Chicago Convention;
- (s) the safe transport of dangerous goods by air, prohibiting the carriage by air, of such goods as may be specified by the Regulations and the certification and surveillance of organizations that undertake to

transport dangerous goods by air in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 18 of the Chicago Convention; and

- (t) certification and surveillance of Safety Management Systems for aviation organizations in accordance with the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 19 of the Chicago Convention.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) are subject to negative resolution.

Special Administration Orders

153.(1) If, on an application made to the Minister by the Authority, the Minister is satisfied in relation to any company that is an airport licensee that any one or more of the grounds specified in subsection (2) is satisfied in relation to that company, the Minister may make any one or more of the following orders:

- (a) a special administration order in relation to that company;
- (b) an order requiring the company to take any action immediately or to immediately do or not to do any act or thing in relation to its business as the Minister may consider necessary; and
- (c) an order appointing a person to advise the company in the proper conduct of its business.

(2) The grounds mentioned in subsection (1) are, in relation to any company that is an airport licensee for an airport

- (a) that there has been, is or is likely to be such a contravention by the company of the conditions of its airport licence or this Act, which is serious enough to make it inappropriate for the company to continue to hold the airport licence for that airport;
- (b) that the company is or is likely to be unable to pay its debts;

- (c) that the Minister considers it in the interest of the security and reliability of the provision of airport services and facilities relating to that airport; or
 - (d) that the Minister otherwise considers it in the public interest.
- (3) Notice of any application under subsection (1) must be given immediately by the Authority to such persons and in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (4) Any decision of the Minister under subsection (1) is final.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, a company is unable to pay its debts if it is a company which is deemed to be so unable under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, Cap. 303.
- (6) A special administration order is an order of the Minister made in accordance with subsection (1) in relation to an airport licensee and directing that, during the period for which the order is in force, the affairs, business and property of the airport licensee must be managed by a person appointed by the Minister
 - (a) for the achievement of all or any of the purposes of such an order; and
 - (b) in a manner which protects the respective interests of the members, creditors and customers of the company.
- (7) The purposes of a special administration order made in relation to any company are for
 - (a) the security and reliability of the supply of airport services and facilities relating to the airport;
 - (b) the survival of the company, or the whole or part of its undertaking as a going concern; and
 - (c) the transfer to another person or entity, of so much of the company's undertaking as is necessary to transfer in order to ensure that the functions which have been vested in the company by virtue of its airport licence may be properly carried out.

Forms

154. All forms required for the purposes of this Act shall, with the approval of the Minister, be provided by the Authority.

Amendment of Schedules

155. The Minister may by order amend the *First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules* to this Act.

CASSOS Agreement and force of law

156.(1) Articles V, VII, X, XII, XIII, XV and XVIII of the CASSOS Agreement shall continue to have the force of law.

(2) All sums approved by the Parliament under the former Act to be paid in accordance with Article XV of the CASSOS Agreement shall continue to be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

(3) All sums required to be paid under Article XV of the CASSOS Agreement shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund and shall be approved by Parliament.

Transfer and vesting of assets in the Authority

157. After the commencement of this Act,

- (a) all assets and liabilities incurred by the Authority established by the former Act are deemed to be transferred to the Authority;
- (b) any right, privilege, duty or obligation conferred on or imposed upon the Authority established by the former Act are deemed to be transferred to the Authority; and
- (c) any contract entered into by or on behalf of the Authority established under the former Act or any other action commenced by the Authority established under the former Act is deemed to have been entered into by or behalf of the Authority.

Transitional re Civil Aviation Department

158. Any reference to the “Civil Aviation Department” in any enactment or any other document shall be, unless the context otherwise requires, construed as a reference to the Authority.

Savings re authorizations issued under former Act and grace period re new authorizations

159. Any licence, permit, certificate, accreditation or other authorization issued under the *Civil Aviation Act, Cap. 288B*, and the former Act shall continue in force for a period of 12 months or until it is revoked or whichever is the longer period.

Savings re appeals

160. Where at the commencement of this Act a Tribunal or a panel of a Tribunal constituted under the former Act is in the process of hearing an appeal made pursuant to the former Act, that Tribunal or panel shall continue to hear and determine the appeal under the former Act.

Savings re civil proceedings

161. All civil proceedings commenced before the commencement of this Act in any court of competent jurisdiction by or against the Authority established by the former Act may be continued by or against that Authority under the former Act.

Saving of statutory instruments under former Act

162. All statutory instruments made under the *Civil Aviation Act, Cap. 288B*, and the former Act shall continue in force until amended or revoked and shall have effect to the extent that they are not inconsistent with this Act.

Act binds the State

163. This Act binds the State.

Repeal

164. The *Civil Aviation Act 2022* (Act 2022-19) is repealed.

Commencement

165. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

FIRST SCHEDULE*(Section 8(2))**Civil Aviation Authority Board***Appointment of members**

- 1.(1) The Board shall consist of 10 members as follows:
- (a) the Director General, *ex officio*;
 - (b) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for International Transport, *ex officio*;
 - (c) five persons appointed by the Minister by instrument in writing with experience in the following disciplines:
 - (i) civil aviation;
 - (ii) financial management or economics;
 - (iii) forensic accounting; or
 - (iv) human resource management;
 - (d) one person from civil society appointed by the Minister by instrument in writing; and
 - (e) an attorney-at-law of at least 10 years standing appointed by the Minister.
- (2) A member shall
- (a) hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years; and
 - (b) is eligible for reappointment for a further 3 years.

Appointment of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary

2.(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the Minister shall appoint a member to be the Chairman of the Board and another member to be Deputy Chairman of the Board.

(2) The Director General and the Director of Air Navigation Services shall not be eligible to be appointed as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board.

(3) A staff member of the Authority shall be assigned to perform the duties of secretary to the Board.

Remuneration

3. A member of the Board is entitled to such remuneration and allowances as the Minister determines.

Resignation

4.(1) A member may resign his office by letter addressed to the Chairman who shall forthwith forward the letter to the Minister.

(2) The Chairman may resign his office by letter addressed to the Minister.

(3) A resignation takes effect from the date on which the Minister receives the letter of resignation.

Temporary leave of absence

5. The Minister may, in writing, grant a leave of absence to a member.

Temporary appointment

6. Where a member is or is likely to be unable to perform the functions of his office for more than 30 days, whether as a result of absence from Barbados, illness or other cause or reason, the Minister may appoint a person to act in the place of the member.

Revocation of appointment

7. If the Minister is satisfied that a member
- (a) has been incapacitated by physical or mental illness; or
 - (b) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a member,
- the Authority may, by notice published in the *Official Gazette*, declare the office of the member to be vacant and, thereupon, the office shall become vacant.

Vacancies

- 8.(1) A vacancy in the membership of the Board arises on
- (a) the death or resignation of a member;
 - (b) the revocation of the appointment of a member; or
 - (c) the absence of a member from 4 consecutive meetings of the Board without the approval of the Minister.
- (2) A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy referred to in subparagraph (1) shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term of the former member.

Disqualification of a member

9. A person is not eligible to be a member of the Board if that person is a member of Parliament.

Gazetting of appointments

10. The appointment, resignation, death or removal from office of a member shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Seal and execution of documents

- 11.(1)** The seal of the Authority shall be
- (a)* kept in the custody of the Chairman or the person performing the duties or functions of secretary to the Board and may be affixed to documents or instruments pursuant to a resolution of the Board; and
 - (b)* authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or the person performing the functions of secretary to the Board.
- (2)** All documents or instruments made by the Board, other than those required by law to be under seal, and all decisions of the Board shall be signed under the hand of the Chairman or the person performing the functions of secretary to the Board.

Committees

- 12.(1)** The Board may appoint committees of its members or other persons to assist it with the proper discharge of its functions under this Act.
- (2)** Where a person who is not a member of the Board is appointed to a committee, the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, determine the remuneration and allowances to be paid to the person.

Meetings

- 13.(1)** The Board shall meet as often as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of its business and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Board may determine.
- (2)** The Chairman or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board; and in the case of the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, the members present and constituting a quorum may elect a temporary Chairman from among their members, and such temporary Chairman shall preside at that meeting.
- (3)** Five members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of votes and, in a case where the voting is equal, the Chairman or other person presiding at the meeting shall, in addition to an original vote, have a casting vote.

(5) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept by the person performing the functions of secretary to the Board or by such other officer as the Board appoints for the purpose and shall be confirmed by the Board and signed by the Chairman at the next meeting of the Board.

(6) The performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Board shall not be invalidated by reason only of a vacancy in the membership of the Board.

Attendance of non-members at meetings

14. The Board may invite any person to attend any of its meetings to assist or advise it with respect to any matter under its consideration, but a person so invited does not have a right to vote.

Board may regulate proceedings

15. Subject to the provisions of this *Schedule*, the Board may regulate its own proceedings.

SECOND SCHEDULE*(Section 40)**List of Persons Who Require Licences, Permits or Certificates***PART A****CERTIFICATES**

	Person	Certificate	Period of Certificate
1.	Air Operator	Air Operator Certificate	1 year
2.	Aviation Training Organization	Aviation Training Certificate	1 year
3.	Aircraft Maintenance Organization	Aircraft Maintenance Certificate	1 year
4.	Student Pilot	Student Pilot Certificate	5 years
5.	Aerodrome Operator	Aerodrome Certificate	5 years
6.	International Airport Operator	International Airport Operator Certificate	5 years
7.	Aerial Work Operator	Aerial Work Certificate	1 year
8.	Medical Examiner	Medical Examiner Certificate	3 years
9.	Foreign Air Operator	Foreign Air Operator Certificate	2 years

Second Schedule - (Concl'd)

PART B

LICENCES

	Person	Licence	Period of Licence
1.	Air Operator	Air Transport Licence	1 year
2.	Air Traffic Controller	Air Traffic Controller Licence	2 years
3.	Aircraft Maintenance Engineer	Aviation Maintenance Engineer Licence	2 years
4.	Private Pilot	Private Pilot Licence	2 years
5.	Commercial Pilot	Commercial Pilot Licence	1 year
6.	Air Transport Pilot	Air Transport Pilot Licence	1 year
7.	Air Transport Pilot (for Single Crew)	Air Transport Pilot Licence	6 months
8.	Commercial Pilot (for Single Crew)	Commercial Pilot Licence	6 months
9.	Flight Engineer (Rating)	Flight Engineer Rating	4 years
10.	Pilot (Instrument Rating)	Pilot Instrument Rating	1 year
11.	Ground Instructor	Ground Instructor Licence	2 years
12.	Flight Instructor (Rating)	Flight Instructor Rating Licence	2 years
13.	Flight Operations Officer	Flight Operations Officer Licence	1 year
14.	Parachute Rigger	Parachute Rigger Licence	2 years
15.	Free Balloon Pilot	Free Balloon Pilot Licence	2 years
16.	Glider Pilot	Glider Pilot Licence	2 years
17.	Student Pilot	Student Pilot Licence	5 years

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 88(2))

National Civil Aviation Security Committee

Members of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee

1.(1) The National Civil Aviation Security Committee shall be constituted in accordance with subparagraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The Minister shall appoint an attorney-at-law of at least 10 years standing to the Committee and that member

- (a) shall be Chairman of the Committee;
- (b) shall hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years; and
- (c) shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of 3 years.

(3) The following functionaries shall be *ex officio* members:

- (a) the Director General, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (b) the Director of Air Navigation Services, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (c) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for International Transport, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (d) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for Defence and Security, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (e) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (f) the Commissioner of Police, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (g) the Chief of Staff, Barbados Defence Force, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (h) the Comptroller of Customs, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (i) the Chief Immigration Officer, *ex officio* or his nominee;

- (j) the Chief Executive Officer, Grantley Adams International Airport Inc., *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (k) the Chief Fire Officer, *ex officio* or his nominee; and
- (l) the Post Master General, *ex officio* or his nominee.

Appointment of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary

- 2.(1) The Minister shall appoint a member to be the Chairman of the Committee and another member to be the Deputy Chairman of the Committee.
- (2) A staff member of the Authority shall be assigned to perform the duties of secretary to the Committee.

Remuneration

- 3. A member of the Committee is entitled to such remuneration and allowances as the Minister determines.

Resignation

- 4.(1) A member, other than the Chairman, may resign his office by letter addressed to the Chairman who shall forthwith forward the letter to the Minister.
- (2) The Chairman may resign by letter addressed to the Minister.
- (3) A resignation takes effect from the date on which the Minister receives the letter.

Temporary leave of absence

- 5.(1) A member mentioned in paragraph (1) who is unable to attend shall notify the Chairman at least 24 hours before the meeting commences in writing of an alternate who shall attend the meeting of the National Civil Security Committee.
- (2) An alternate may cast one vote for the member that is attending the meeting of the Committee.

Gazetting of appointments

6. The appointment of a member shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Meetings

7.(1) The Committee shall meet at least once every 6 months and as often as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of its business and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Committee may determine.

(2) The Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; and in the case of the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman the members present and constituting a quorum may elect a temporary Chairman from among their members, and such temporary Chairman shall preside at that meeting.

(3) No less than seven members or their representatives, including not less than six of the members referred to subparagraphs (a), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (j) of in paragraph 1, shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The decisions of the Committee shall be by a majority of votes and in a case where the voting is equal, the Chairman or other person presiding at the meeting shall, in addition to an original vote, have a casting vote.

(5) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept by the person performing the functions of secretary to the Committee or by such other officer as the Committee appoints for the purpose and shall be confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman at the next meeting of the Committee.

(6) The performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Committee is not invalidated by reason only of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee.

Attendance of non-members at meetings

8. The Committee may invite any person to attend any of its meetings to assist or advise it with respect to any matter under its consideration, but a person so invited does not have a right to vote.

Committee may regulate proceedings

9. Subject to the provisions of this *Schedule*, the Committee may regulate its own proceedings.

FOURTH SCHEDULE*(Section 101(2))**National Air Transport Facilitation Committee***Appointment of members**

1.(1) The National Air Transport Facilitation Committee shall be constituted in accordance with subparagraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The Minister shall appoint an attorney-at-law of at least 10 years standing to the Committee and that member

- (a) shall be Chairman of the Committee;
- (b) shall hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years; and
- (c) shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of 3 years.

(3) The following functionaries shall be *ex officio* members:

- (a) the Director General, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (b) the Director of Air Navigation Services, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (c) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry with responsibility for International Transport, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (d) the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Defence and Security, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (e) the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health and Wellness, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (f) the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (g) the Comptroller of Customs, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (h) the Chief Immigration Officer, *ex officio* or his nominee;

- (i) the Commissioner, *ex officio* or his nominee;
- (j) the Chief Executive Officer, Grantley Adams International Airport Inc., *ex officio* or his nominee; and
- (k) the Chief of Security, Grantley Adams International Airport Inc., *ex officio* or his nominee.

Appointment of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary

- 2.(1) The Minister shall appoint a member to be the Chairman of the Committee and another member to be the Deputy Chairman of the Committee.
- (2) A staff member of the Authority shall be assigned to perform the duties of secretary to the Committee.

Remuneration

3. A member of the Committee is entitled to such remuneration and allowances as the Minister determines.

Resignation

- 4.(1) A member, other than the Chairman, may resign his office by letter addressed to the Chairman who shall forthwith forward the letter to the Minister.
- (2) The Chairman may resign by letter addressed to the Minister.
- (3) A resignation takes effect from the date on which the Minister receives the letter.

Gazetting of appointments

5. The appointment of a member of the Committee shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Meetings

6.(1) The Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of its business and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Committee may determine.

(2) The Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; and in the case of the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman the members present and constituting a quorum may elect a temporary Chairman from among their members, and such temporary Chairman shall preside at that meeting.

(3) Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The decisions of the Committee shall be by a majority of votes and in a case where the voting is equal, the Chairman or other person presiding at the meeting shall, in addition to an original vote, have a casting vote.

(5) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept by the person performing the functions of secretary to the Committee or by such other officer as the Committee appoints for the purpose and shall be confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman at the next meeting of the Committee.

(6) The performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Committee is not invalidated by reason only of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee.

Attendance of non-members at meetings

7. The Committee may invite any person to attend any of its meetings to assist or advise it with respect to any matter under its consideration, but a person so invited does not have a right to vote.

Committee may regulate proceedings

8. Subject to the provisions of this *Schedule*, the Committee may regulate its own proceedings.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Section 104(2))

Constitution of Civil Aviation Tribunal

Appointment of members of Tribunal

- 1.(1) The Tribunal shall consist of
- (a) a Chairman who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than 10 years' standing; and
 - (b) 6 other members,
- who shall be appointed in writing by the Authority.
- (2) A member of the Tribunal
- (a) shall hold office for a term not exceeding 3 years; and
 - (b) shall be eligible for reappointment.

Disqualification

2. A person is not eligible to be a member of the Tribunal if that person
- (a) is a member of Parliament; or
 - (b) is a public officer.

Resignation of members of Tribunal

3. A member of the Tribunal may at any time resign his membership by notice in writing addressed to the Authority and transmitted through the Chairman; and upon receipt of the notice by the Authority, he ceases to be a member of the Tribunal.

Resignation of the Chairman

4. The Chairman of the Tribunal may at any time resign his office by notice in writing addressed to the Authority and, upon receipt of the notice by the Authority, he ceases to be a member of the Tribunal.

Temporary leave of absence

5. The Authority may, where the Authority considers it necessary, grant leave of absence to any member of the Tribunal.

Temporary appointment

6. Where a member of the Tribunal is likely to be unable to perform the functions of his office, whether as a result of absence from Barbados, illness or any other cause, the Authority may appoint a person to act in the place of the member.

Remuneration

7. The members of the Tribunal are entitled to such remuneration and allowances as the Authority, with the approval of the Minister, determines.

Revocation of appointment

8. If the Authority is satisfied that a member

(a) has been incapacitated by physical or mental illness; or

(b) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a member,

the Authority may, by notice published in the *Official Gazette*, declare the office of the member to be vacant and, thereupon, the office shall become vacant.

Vacancies

9. In the case of the temporary absence or inability of a member to act, the Authority may, by notice published in the *Official Gazette*, appoint a suitable person to act in that member's place.

Gazetting of appointments

10. The Authority shall publish in the *Official Gazette* notice of the appointment or cessation of appointment of a member of the Tribunal.

Sittings of the Tribunal

11.(1) The Tribunal shall sit at such times and at such places in Barbados as the Chairman considers necessary for the proper performance of its functions.

(2) The Tribunal may, at the discretion of the Chairman, sit in private where it appears expedient that the Tribunal should do so.

Validity of proceedings

12. The validity of any proceedings of the Tribunal shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members or by any defect in the appointment of a member.

Appeals

13.(1) In determining an appeal, the Tribunal may review the whole case in respect of law and fact and shall determine the case in accordance with its own judgment.

(2) In the case of a difference of opinion among members sitting together, the opinion of the majority shall prevail, and in the case of an equality of numbers, the opinion of the Chairman shall prevail.

- (3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (2), where the question to be determined is one of law, account shall not be taken of the opinion of a member who is not an attorney-at-law.
- (4) The decision of the Tribunal shall be in writing and shall include reasons for the decision, a statement of its findings on material questions of fact and a reference to the evidence or other material on which the findings are based.
- (5) The Tribunal shall ensure that the decision is served on each party to the proceedings.

Procedure on appeal

- 14.(1) In the hearing and determination of any matter before it, the Tribunal may act without regard to technicalities and legal form and shall not be bound to follow the rules of evidence stipulated in the *Evidence Act*, Cap. 121; but the Tribunal may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it thinks just and may take into account opinion evidence and such facts as it considers relevant and material, but in any such case, the parties to the proceedings shall be given the opportunity, if they so desire, of adducing evidence.
- (2) The parties to the proceedings shall be entitled to appear in person or may be assisted in the preparation of their respective cases by counsel or by a duly authorized representative.
- (3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (2), for the purposes of reviewing a decision, the Tribunal may proceed in the absence of a party who has been given reasonable notice in writing to attend.

Cost

- 15. The parties to the proceedings shall be entitled to appear in person or may be assisted in the preparation of their respective cases by counsel or by a duly authorized representative, but the Tribunal shall not award costs to any party

to a proceeding before the Tribunal other than sums in respect of the reasonable costs incurred in anyone or more of the following:

- (a) the filing of documents;
- (b) the obtaining of any expert report; or
- (c) the enforcement of an award of the Tribunal,

and any such award of costs shall be in the discretion of the Tribunal.

Powers of Tribunal

16.(1) The Tribunal may issue subpoenas, make orders and give directions to such persons and in such manner as it thinks fit for the purpose of summoning witnesses, requiring the disclosure of documents or other evidence, requiring parties or witnesses to answer questions, and for the purpose of conducting its proceedings in a proper and orderly manner.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 14, the Tribunal, as respecting the attendance and examination of witnesses, the production and inspection of documents and all other matters necessary for the exercise of its jurisdiction, shall have all such powers as are vested in a magistrate's court in an action in that court.

Regulation of procedure

17. Subject to this Act, the Tribunal shall regulate its own procedure and may make rules for that purpose.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

(Section 150)

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT

Column 1

Column 2

Enactment

Amendment

Airports Act, Cap. 285A

Section 2 of the *Airports Act, Cap. 285A* is amended by

(a) inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definition:

" "aerodrome" means any area of land or water, designed, equipped, set apart or commonly used for affording facilities for the landing and departure of aircraft, whether on the ground, on the roof of a building or elsewhere which is designed, equipped or set apart for affording facilities for the landing and departure of aircraft capable of descending or climbing vertically;"; and

(b) deleting the definition "airport" and substituting the following:

" "airport" means an aerodrome which meets the requirements of this Act and at which there are facilities for customs and immigration services;".