

The law for Landing and Transit of Military, Government and Foreign Planes

Reading the law of landing and transit of military, government and foreign diplomatic planes in the regions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and exemption of these planes from fees

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With the grace of god,

**We, Abdul Aziz Bin Abdul Rahman Al Faisal Aal Saud,
The king of Saudi Arabia,**

As per proposal submitted to us by the Minister of Defense and aviation and in line with public interest as manifesting the need for establishing, a law for landing and transit of friendly military, government and foreign diplomatic planes on the territory of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and exempting these planes for fees in accordance with the regulations of the public international law,

We issue our decree as follows:-

Article (1)

- The clauses of chapter one and two of this decree apply to the following types of planes;-

- (a) Foreign military planes pertaining to military, air and maritime forces.
- (b) Foreign government planes assigned for a public service such as customs, police and post office and the like.
- (c) Diplomatic planes carrying foreign representatives and diplomats or their associates.

Chapter (1) Air Aviation

Article (2)

While observing the contents stipulated in articles three and four, the types of planes indicated in article one are not entitled to fly over the region of the Kingdom or land on it except on obtaining a license from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs authorizing this and after having secured the approval of the Ministry of Defense and Aviation. If the license is initiated by virtue of a special agreement or an international treaty to which the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is committed in accordance with the conditions stated in that license.

Article (3)

Planes are prohibited from flying over the space of the Kingdom except along the routes and locations to which they are entitled; these limits shall not be under any circumstances to be overlook.

Article (4)

The government may whenever necessary, despite the license earlier mentioned in Article Two, promptly deny or restrict on temporary basis flying over its region or any part of it.

Article (5)

The government is entitled under the circumstances and conditions it deems appropriate to instruct any plane has entered to the locations mentioned in Article Three and Four to land down as speedily as possible at the air- port specified within the region.

Article (6)

Transporting ammunition and military materials is prohibited aboard planes flying over or landing on the regions of the Kingdom, these planes are also prohibited from using photographic and wireless devices over Kingdom's regions except on obtaining a special warrant and acting as per conditions of this warrant which is to be issued from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and endorsed by the Minister of Defense and Aviation. In case of violating this restriction as stipulated in this Article, the plane in question shall be subject to applying the clause contained in Article Five and the liability of confiscating ammunitions and military materials and equipment relating to the violations.

Chapter 2 Exemption

Article (7)

The types of planes stated in Article One shall be exempted, on the basis of similar treatment, from the following fees:-

- 1- Landing fees on Kingdom's airport.
- 2- Sheltering fees in Kingdom's air- ports if plan's visit is a casual one provided a space is available at the time and the space is not reserved for other planes expected to arrive.
- 3- Prescribe customs fees:
 - a- Fuel and lubricants necessary for the plane.
 - b- Permissible materials for necessary maintenance and repair of the plane.

c- The cargo contained in the plane provided it is not unloaded on the territory and waters of the Kingdom and in case part of the cargo is unloaded, it shall be subject to the clauses of applied customs law. However, it is strictly prohibited to unload goods denied access into the Kingdom such as alcohol, drugs and weapons and like as declared in country laws.

Article (8)

The exemption stipulated in Article Seven is conditioned by the fact that the plane should not carry regular passengers or goods on payment basis.

Article (9)

Full fees shall be claimed from civil planes carrying diplomats on payment basis.

Article (10)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defense and Aviation and Minister of Finance shall implement this decree as per their respective responsibilities and ensure that it is put into effect starting to- day.

Issued by our Royal Palace – Riyadh on the first of 4/1372H.

For acting accordingly

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