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No. 8162. AGREEMENT¹ RELATING TO AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SWITZERLAND. SIGNED AT BERNE, ON 19 OCTOBER 1959

The Government of the Union of South Africa and the Swiss Federal Council,

considering that it is desirable to regulate air transport between the territories of the Parties to this Agreement, and beyond, by an agreement and to foster as much as possible international co-operation in this field,

have appointed representatives who, duly authorised to that effect, agree as follows :

Article 1

For the purposes of the present agreement, which shall include the annex² hereto—

- (a) the term “ Party ” or “ Parties ” means a party or the parties, as the case may be, to this agreement;
- (b) the term “ territory ” in relation to a Party means the land areas and territorial waters adjacent thereto under the sovereignty, suzerainty, protection, administration or trusteeship of that Party;
- (c) the term “ air service ” means any scheduled air service performed by aircraft for the public transport of passengers, mail or cargo;
- (d) the term “ stop for non-traffic purposes ” means a landing for any purposes other than picking up or setting down passengers, mail or cargo.

Article 2

1. The Parties grant each other the rights specified in the annex hereto for the operation of the international scheduled air services therein described to or through their respective territories.

2. Each Party may designate an airline for the operation of the air service specified in the annex.

¹ Applied provisionally from 19 October 1959, the date of signature, and came into force on 19 September 1961, the date on which the Swiss Government notified its ratification of the Agreement to the Government of South Africa, in accordance with article 11 (1).

² See p. 267 of this volume.

Article 3

1. Each Party, subject to the provisions of article 8 shall, without undue delay, deliver the appropriate operating permission to the designated airline of the other Party.

2. A designated airline may, however, before being authorised to inaugurate the services, specified in the annex, be required to satisfy the aeronautical authorities of the other Party that it is qualified to fulfil the conditions prescribed under the laws and regulations normally applied by this authority.

3. Each Party reserves the right to withhold or revoke the grant of an operating permission to the designated airline of the other Party, when it is not satisfied that substantial ownership and effective control of that designated airline are vested in that other Party or citizens thereof.

Article 4

1. The fares and rates to be charged by the airlines designated by the Parties and the conditions of carriage applicable to each such airline shall be those agreed upon by the International Air Transport Association and approved by the aeronautical authorities of the Parties.

2. If the International Air Transport Association fails to agree upon such fares and rates or if such an agreement is not approved by the aeronautical authorities of a Party, the aeronautical authorities of the Parties shall endeavour to secure agreement on the fares and rates to be charged by the designated airlines.

3. If the position set out in paragraph 2 obtains, the fares and rates in force on the date on which the International Air Transport Association so fails to agree or the aeronautical authorities concerned fail to approve, shall continue to be applied until new fares and rates have been established as provided in paragraph 2.

Article 5

1. The laws and regulations of the one Party governing entry into and departure from its territory of aircraft engaged in international air navigation or flights of such aircraft within its territory shall apply to the designated airline of the other Party.

2. The laws and regulations of the one Party governing entry into, sojourn in, or departure from its territory of passengers, crew, mail or cargo such as those relating to formalities, immigration, passports, customs and quarantine, shall apply to passengers, crew, mail or cargo carried by the aircraft of the designated airline of the other Party while they are within the said territory.

3. Passengers in transit across the territory of the one Party shall be subject to a simplified control. Baggage and cargo in direct transit shall be exempt from customs duties, inspection fees and similar charges.

4. Each Party agrees not to give preference to its own airlines over the airline of the other Party in the application of its regulations concerning customs, visas, immigration, quarantine, exchange control or other regulations affecting air transportation.

Article 6

1. Fuel introduced into, or taken on board aircraft in any territory of one Party by, or on behalf of, the designated airline of the other Party and remaining on board on departure from the last airport of call in this territory shall, subject to compliance in other respects with the customs regulations of the territory, be exempt from customs duties, inspection fees and similar charges imposed therein.

2. The treatment set out in paragraph 1 shall be in addition to that accorded under Article 24 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the seventh day of December, 1944.¹

Article 7

1. The airline designated by a Party shall, at the request of the aeronautical authorities of the other Party supply such periodic or other statements of statistics as may be necessary to determine the amount of traffic carried on the service specified in the annex and the origins and destinations of such traffic.

2. Discussions between representatives of the aeronautical authorities of the Parties, for the purpose of reviewing the position in the light of traffic statistics, shall take place from time to time.

Article 8

Notwithstanding the provisions of article 3, a Party shall have the right to suspend the air service operated in terms of this agreement by the airline designated by the other Party if that airline fails to comply with any law or regulation of the first-mentioned Party or fails to comply with any term or condition prescribed in this agreement or in the annex: Provided that unless immediate suspension is essential to prevent further infringement of a law or regulation or term or condition above-mentioned this right shall be exercised only after consultation with the other Party.

¹ See footnote 2, p. 68 of this volume.