

No. 9247

**NETHERLANDS
and
SIERRA LEONE**

Agreement for air services between and beyond their respective territories (with annex). Signed at Freetown, on 13 June 1967

Official text: English.

Registered by the International Civil Aviation Organization on 18 September 1968.

**PAYS-BAS
et
SIERRA LEONE**

Accord relatif aux services aériens entre leurs territoires respectifs et au-delà (avec annexe). Signé à Freetown, le 13 juin 1967

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par l'Organisation de l'aviation civile internationale le 18 septembre 1968.

No. 9247. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS FOR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN AND BEYOND THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES. SIGNED AT FREETOWN, ON 13 JUNE 1967

The Government of Sierra Leone and
the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,

Being parties to the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the seventh day of December, 1944,² and

Desiring to conclude an Agreement, supplementary to the said Convention, for the purpose of establishing air services between and beyond their respective territories,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

For the purpose of the present Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires :

(a) the term “ the Convention ” means the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the seventh day of December 1944 and includes any Annex adopted under Article 90 of that Convention and any amendment of the Annexes or Convention under Articles 90 and 94 thereof so far as those Annexes and amendments have been adopted by both Contracting Parties;

(b) the term “ aeronautical authorities ” means, in the case of Sierra Leone, the National Reformation Council Member responsible for the Department of Works, Transport and Communications, and any person or body authorised to perform any functions at present exercised by the said National Reformation Council Member or similar functions, and, in the case of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, for the Netherlands the Director General of Civil Aviation in the Netherlands, for Surinam the Director of Civil Aviation in Surinam and for the Netherlands Antilles the Director of Civil Aviation in the Netherlands Antilles and any person or body authorised to perform any functions at present exercised by the said authorities or similar functions;

¹ Came into force provisionally on 13 June 1967 by signature, in accordance with article 16.

² See footnote 2, p. 4 of this volume.

(c) the term “ designated airline ” means an airline which has been designated and authorised in accordance with Article 3 of the present Agreement;

(d) the term “ territory ” in relation to a State means the land areas and territorial waters adjacent thereto under the sovereignty, protection or trusteeship of that State; and

(e) the terms “ air service ”, “ international air service ”, “ airline ” and “ stop for non-traffic purposes ” have the meanings respectively assigned to them in Article 96 of the Convention.

Article 2

1. Each Contracting Party grants to the other Contracting Party the rights specified in the present Agreement for the purpose of establishing scheduled international air services on the routes specified in the appropriate Section of the Schedule annexed to the present Agreement. Such services and routes are hereafter called “ the agreed services ” and “ the specified routes ” respectively. The airlines designated by each Contracting Party shall enjoy, while operating an agreed service on a specified route, the following rights :

- (a) to fly without landing across the territory of the other Contracting Party;
- (b) to make stops in the said territory for non-traffic purposes; and
- (c) to make stops in the said territory at the points specified for that route in the Schedule to the present Agreement for the purpose of putting down and taking up international traffic in passengers, cargo and mail.

2. Nothing in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be deemed to confer on the airlines of one Contracting Party the privilege of taking up, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, passengers, cargo or mail carried for remuneration or hire and destined for another point in the territory of that other Contracting Party.

Article 3

1. Each Contracting Party shall have the right to designate in writing to the other Contracting Party one or more airlines for the purpose of operating the agreed services on the specified routes.

2. On receipt of such designation, the other Contracting Party shall, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, without delay grant to the airline or airlines designated the appropriate operating authorisations

3. The aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party may require an airline designated by the other Contracting Party to satisfy them that it is qualified to fulfil the conditions prescribed under the laws and regulations normally and

reasonably applied to the operation of international air services by such authorities in conformity with the provisions of the Convention.

4. Each Contracting Party shall have the right to refuse to grant the operating authorisations referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, or to impose such conditions as it may deem necessary on the exercise by a designated airline of the rights specified in Article 2 of the present Agreement, in any case where the said Contracting Party is not satisfied that substantial ownership and effective control of that airline are vested in the Contracting Party designating the airline or in its nationals.

5. When an airline has been so designated and authorised, it may begin at any time to operate the agreed services, provided that a tariff established in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the present Agreement is in force in respect of that service.

Article 4

1. Each Contracting Party shall have the right to revoke an operating authorisation or to suspend the exercise of the rights specified in Article 2 of the present Agreement by an airline designated by the other Contracting Party, or to impose such conditions as it may deem necessary on the exercise of these rights :

- (a) in any case where it is not satisfied that substantial ownership and effective control of that airline are vested in the Contracting Party designating the airline or in nationals of such Contracting Party, or
- (b) in the case of failure by that airline to comply with the laws or regulations of the Contracting Party granting these rights, or
- (c) in case the airline otherwise fails to operate in accordance with the conditions prescribed under the present Agreement.

2. Unless immediate revocation, suspension or imposition of the conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article is essential to prevent further infringements of laws or regulations, such right shall be exercised after consultation with the other Contracting Party.

Article 5

1. Aircraft operated on international services by the designated airlines of either Contracting Party, as well as their regular equipment, spare parts, supplies of fuels and lubricants, and aircraft stores (including food, beverages and tobacco) on board such aircraft shall be exempt from all customs duties, inspection fees and other similar charges on arriving in the territory of the other Contracting Party, provided such equipment and supplies remain on board the aircraft up to

such time as they are re-exported or are used on the part of the journey performed over that territory.

2. There shall also be exempt from the same duties, fees and charges, with the exception of charges corresponding to the service performed :

- (a) aircraft stores taken on board in the territory of a Contracting Party, within limits fixed by the authorities of the said Contracting Party, and for use on board outbound aircraft engaged in an international service of the other Contracting Party;
- (b) spare parts introduced into the territory of either Contracting Party for the maintenance or repair of aircraft used on international services by the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party;
- (c) fuel and lubricants destined to supply outbound aircraft operated on international services by the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party, even when these supplies are to be used on the part of the journey performed over the territory of the Contracting Party in which they are taken on board.

Materials referred to in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above may be required to be kept under Customs supervision or control.

Article 6

The regular airborne equipment, as well as the materials and supplies retained on board the aircraft of either Contracting Party may be unloaded in the territory of the other Contracting Party only with the approval of the Customs authorities of that territory. In such case, they may be placed under the supervision of the said authorities up to such time as they are re-exported or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Customs regulations.

Article 7

In operating any agreed service on any specified route a designated airline of one Contracting Party may substitute one aircraft for another at a point in the territory of the other Contracting Party only on the following conditions :

- (a) that is justified by reason of economy of operation;
- (b) that the aircraft used on the section of the route more distant from the terminal in the territory of the first Contracting Party is not larger in capacity than that used on the nearer section;