

Article (2)

A public authority named the "General Civil Aviation Authority" shall be established, which shall have legal personality and an independent budget. It shall be affiliated with the Minister. Its principal office shall be in the city of Abu Dhabi, and branches and offices for the Authority may be established within the State by a decision of the Board of Directors.

Article (3)

The capital of the Authority shall be (100) one hundred million dirhams, to be fully paid by the Federal Government, provided that (20) twenty million dirhams shall be paid during the first fiscal year of the Authority. The remainder shall be paid upon a request from the Board of Directors and the approval of the Cabinet, in accordance with the Authority's needs.

All fixed and current assets designated to be transferred from the Ministry of Transportation to the Authority shall vest in the Authority as of the date this Law enters into force and shall be deemed part of the Authority's capital as stipulated in the preceding Paragraph.

The capital of the Authority may be increased by a Federal Decree issued upon the proposal of the Board of Directors and the approval of the Cabinet. In such case, the Government shall pay the approved increase to the Authority.

Article (4)

The Authority shall retain (50%) of its net profits to establish a general reserve for capital, until such reserve reaches one-half of the paid-up capital. Such percentage shall continue to be retained whenever the general reserve falls below this level. The remaining (50%) of the net profits shall be transferred to the capital account until it reaches the limit stipulated in the preceding Article.

Article (5)

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (4) of this Law, the net profits of the Authority shall accrue to the Federal Government.

If the general reserve in any given year is insufficient to cover the Authority's losses, the

Federal Government shall cover the deficit incurred.

Article (6)

The Authority shall, in coordination with the local and concerned authorities, implement the provisions of the Civil Aviation Law. In particular, it shall pursue the following objectives:

1. Implement international agreements and treaties in the field of civil aviation and Meteorology.
2. Provide air navigation facilities and related services in the highest possible standard.
3. Maintain scientific documentation for data, information, and research related to civil aviation.
4. Exchange expertise and information with Arab and foreign countries.
5. Cooperate with international organizations and bodies concerned with civil aviation and Meteorology.
6. Encourage cooperation between the State and other countries in the fields of civil aviation.
7. Propose accession to agreements that regulate matters falling within its scope of competence.

Article (7)

The Authority shall exercise the following competences:

1. Formulate the general policy for civil aviation in the State and propose draft laws and regulations that ensure its regulation, and establish the necessary committees to implement this policy, represent the State in negotiations on matters falling within its scope of competence, and propose the conclusion of bilateral agreements in the field of civil aviation and Meteorology in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.
2. Establish the rules related to overflight of the territory of the State, landing at its airports or taking off therefrom, and the conditions for transporting passengers, cargo, and mail in accordance with the law, in coordination with the local authority.
3. Determine the areas where air navigation is prohibited, restricted, or dangerous, in agreement with the concerned authorities in the State.
4. Determine the air navigation routes to be followed by aircraft licensed to operate within

- the territory of the State, whether upon entry into, exit from, or overflight of its airspace.
5. Determine the conditions for registering aircraft in the State and carry out such registration, issue airworthiness certificates, and specify nationality and registration marks, and notify the International Civil Aviation Organization thereof and of any changes thereto.
 6. Determine the conditions of fitness for duty of flight crew members and issue the licenses and documents related to this matter.
 7. Determine the documents to be carried by aircraft operating in air navigation, inspect such aircraft, and issue the documents to be carried by aircraft registered in the State.
 8. Establish the rules that ensure the protection of air navigation lights and signals, in coordination with the local authorities.
 9. Carry out air traffic control operations in the State.
 10. Ensure compliance with internationally recognized regulations applicable at the State's airports, including aviation agreements, and monitor their implementation, in coordination with the local authority.
 11. Develop and regulate training programs related to various aviation fields.
 12. Supervise the repair and maintenance of aircraft and the extent of their compliance in manufacture with international and local specifications, and supervise the places where such activities are carried out, and grant the necessary certificates, approvals, and licenses to carry out these activities.

Article (8)

The Authority shall have a Board of Directors, an Executive Committee, and a general administration.

Article (9)

The Board of Directors shall be composed of a Chairman and a number of members not exceeding ten. The Minister shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board. The other members shall be appointed by a decision of the Cabinet upon the proposal of the Minister.

The Board shall select a Vice-Chairman from among its members to act in place of the

Chairman during their absence or in the event of any impediment. The membership of the Board shall be for a term of four years, renewable for similar terms.

Article (10)

The Board of Directors shall be competent in the following matters:

1. Setting the general policy of the Authority and supervising its implementation.
2. Considering and approving the annual report submitted by the Director General on the Authority's activities and achievements.
3. Approving the Authority's budget and final accounts.
4. Establishing the necessary regulations to organize the work of the Authority, including those relating to the Authority's administrative and technical affairs.
5. Establishing the Authority's Human Resources Regulation, to be issued by a decision of the Cabinet.
6. Establishing the financial regulation for the Authority, to be issued by a decision of the Cabinet.
7. Determining the appropriate fees and charges to be collected by the Authority in return for the services provided thereby, to be issued by a decision of the Cabinet, provided that a single fee shall not exceed (400,000) four hundred thousand dirhams.
8. Accepting grants and aid that do not conflict with the objectives of the Authority.
9. Appointing auditors and determining their remuneration.

Article (11)

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every three months. It may be convened for an extraordinary meeting upon the request of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or the Director General. The meeting shall not be valid unless at least two-thirds of the Board members are present. Resolutions shall be passed by a majority of the votes of the members present, and in the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

Article (12)

The remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors shall be determined by a decision of the Cabinet.

Article (13)

The Board of Directors shall form from among its members a committee called the (Executive Committee) and shall determine its competences by a decision.

Article (14)

The general administration of the Authority shall consist of a Director General, appointed by a decision of the Cabinet based on the nomination of the Chairman, and a number of employees and experts who shall be appointed in accordance with the Authority's Human Resources Regulation.

Article (15)

The Director General shall exercise the following competences:

1. Manage the Authority and implement the resolutions and general policy established by the Board of Directors, and shall be accountable therefor to the Board.
2. Represent the Authority before the judiciary and act on its behalf in contracting with third parties.
3. Propose the agenda of the Board of Directors.
4. Appoint employees and personnel in the Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Authority's Human Resources Regulation.
5. Prepare the draft annual budget of the Authority and its final accounts and present the same to the Board of Directors.
6. Prepare periodic reports on the progress of work in the Authority and submit the same to the Board of Directors.
7. Any other competences assigned thereto by the Board of Directors.

Article (16)

The revenues of the Authority shall consist of:

- The fees and charges determined by the Authority.
- Donations, aids, grants, and bequests that do not conflict with the objectives of the Authority, provided that they are approved by the Board of Directors.
- Any other resources generated as a result of the Authority's activity.

Article (17)

The fiscal year of the Authority shall commence on the first of January and end on the thirty-first of December of each year. The first fiscal year of the Authority shall commence on the date this Law enters into force and shall end on the thirty-first of December of the following year.

Article (18)

The funds of the Authority shall be deemed public funds.

Article (19)

The accounts of the Authority shall be examined and audited by one or more auditors in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The auditors shall submit their report to the Board of Directors within a maximum of four months from the date of the end of the relevant fiscal year.

It shall not be permissible for the auditor to combine their work with membership of the Board of Directors or with any other position in the Authority.

The Authority shall be exempt from the prior audit of the State Audit Institution.

Article (20)

The Authority shall be exempt from all federal taxes and fees.

Article (21)

A committee shall be formed by a decision of the Minister, in agreement with the competent Ministers, composed of representatives from the Ministry of Communications, the Ministry of Finance and Industry, and the Authority, to conduct an inventory of all existing fixed and current assets designated for transfer from the Ministry of Communications to the Authority in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (2) of Article (3) of this Law. The value of each shall be determined in records signed by the members of the committee, and the report of this committee shall be approved by a decision of the Cabinet.

Article (22)

The employees of the Civil Aviation Department at the Ministry of Communications and others whom the Minister decides to transfer from among the Ministry's employees, shall be transferred to the Authority as of the date this Law enters into force, with their same grades and all their rights and benefits. Their status shall be regularized in accordance with the provisions of the regulation governing the affairs of the Authority's employees, without prejudice to the salaries and allowances they receive.

Article (23)

The employees of the Authority shall be subject to the civil service laws and regulations applicable in the Federal Government until the issuance of the Authority's Human Resources Regulation. Thereafter, the provisions of those laws and regulations shall apply thereto in matters for which no provision is made in the Regulation.

The national employees of the Authority shall be subject to the pension and retirement benefit laws and regulations that apply to employees and personnel working in authorities, institutions, companies, and banks in which the Federal Government contributes.

Article (24)

Any provision that contradicts or conflicts with the provisions of this Law is hereby repealed.

Article (25)

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force from the first day of the month following the date of its publication.

Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates

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