

CHAPTER 285A

AIRPORTS

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**BARBADOS****AIRPORTS
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An Act to make provision for the management, control and supervision of airports in Barbados and for related matters.

[Commencement: 15th June, 1970]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Airports Act*.

Interpretation

2. For the purposes of this Act,

“airport” means any area of land or water designed, equipped, set apart or commonly used for affording facilities for the landing and departure of aircraft, and includes any area or space, 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;

“authorised officer” (except in section 5) means, in relation to any of the functions of an authorised officer under this Act or any regulations, the Chief

Executive Officer or any other person authorised in writing by the Minister;

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“Chief Executive Officer” means the most senior managerial officer of the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc.;

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“customs officer” means an officer as defined by section 2 of the *Customs Act*, Cap. 66;

“immigration officer” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the *Immigration Act*, Cap. 190;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Civil Aviation;

“security guard” means a person duly authorised by the Minister responsible for Defence and Security to perform the functions of a security guard, and includes a senior security guard.

Control of noise

3. The Minister may take such measures as he considers necessary for limiting noise or vibration or mitigating their effects and in particular for restricting the use of an airport to aircraft and persons complying with his requirements.

Regulations

4.(1) The Minister may make regulations for the management, control and supervision of airports and in particular may make regulations

- (a) with respect to the conduct of persons at an airport or in any part thereof;
- (b) with respect to the movement of aircraft at an airport;
- (c) declaring any building or part of a building or any area of land at an airport to be a prohibited or restricted place or area;

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- (d) regulating and restricting the admission of persons, whether as passengers or otherwise, and of animals to any part of an airport;
 - (e) regulating and restricting the use of motor or other vehicles of any class or description on any part of an airport;
 - (f) appointing parking places for motor or other vehicles at an airport, and imposing tolls in respect of motor vehicles of any class or description entering or departing from an airport;
 - (g) with respect to the issue of permits for any purposes relating to the use of an airport or any part thereof, and conditions of issue of such permits and conditions to be observed by the holders of such permits;
 - (h) securing the safety of aircraft, vehicles and persons using an airport and preventing danger to the public arising from the use and operation of an airport;
 - (i) regulating and restricting advertising within an airport;
 - (j) prescribing and regulating the payment and collection of fees for services rendered or facilities provided at an airport and for permits granted pursuant to any regulations;
 - (k) annexing to the contravention of or failure to comply with any regulations made under this section a fine not exceeding \$1 000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both such fine and imprisonment.
- (2) All regulations shall be subject to negative resolution.
- (3) Regulations in relation to the use of motor or other vehicles on roadways in an airport shall have effect notwithstanding that such roadways may be roads for the purposes of the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295 or any regulations made thereunder.
- (4) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation may be removed or ejected from the airport or any part thereof by an authorised officer, a member of the Police Force or any other person acting on the instructions of

an authorised officer and may, in addition to any punishment to which he is liable for contravention of or failure to comply with such regulation, be deprived of the further use of any airport and its facilities for such time as in the opinion of an authorised officer may be necessary to ensure the safety of the airport or the public.

(5) Any person who, being a person deprived of the use of any airport and its facilities pursuant to subsection (4), comes upon an airport during the period for which he has been deprived of such use is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1 000 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Powers of arrest of authorised officers

4A. In addition to the powers conferred by subsection (4) of section 4, an authorised officer shall, where a breach of this Act or the regulations has been committed, have all the powers of arrest conferred on a member of the Police Force under section 20 of the *Police Act*, Cap. 167.

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Power to kill birds and animals

5.(1) An authorised officer may

- (a) notwithstanding the provisions of the *Wild Birds Protection Act*, Cap. 398, kill or cause to be killed any bird that, in the opinion of the authorised officer, is considered to be a danger to aircraft operating at the airport; or
- (b) cause to be killed or seized any animal considered to be a danger to aircraft operating at the airport.

(2) An authorised officer shall cause the carcass or remains of any bird or animal killed in pursuance of this section to be

- (a) donated for scientific research; or

(b) disposed of in such manner as he thinks fit.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “authorised officer” means an officer or any person who is authorised in writing by the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the powers set out in this section.

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Searching of certain vehicles

5A.(1) The Chief Executive Officer may, by instrument in writing, confer on a security guard the power of searching vehicles referred to in subsection (2).

(2) The Chief Executive Officer, a security guard referred to in subsection (1), any other authorised officer or a member of the Police Force may search a vehicle that is entering or leaving a restricted or prohibited place or area.

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Savings

6. Nothing in this Act or in any regulations shall be or shall be deemed to be in derogation of any functions conferred or imposed by any other law on customs officers, immigration officers, members of the Police Force or duly authorised persons of the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Agriculture.