

ARTICLE 9**Customs Duties and Other Charges**

1. Each Contracting Party shall, to the fullest extent possible under its national laws and regulations on a basis of reciprocity, exempt the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party from import restrictions, customs duties, excise taxes, inspection fees and other national duties and charges on aircraft, fuel, lubricating oils, consumable technical supplies, spare parts (including engines), regular aircraft equipment, aircraft stores (including liquor, tobacco and other products destined for sale to passengers in limited quantities during the flight) and other items intended for use or used solely in connection with the operation or servicing of aircraft of those airlines as well as printed ticket stock, air waybills, any printed material bearing the insignia of the company and usual publicity material distributed without charge by those airlines.

2. The exemptions granted with respect to items listed in paragraph 1 shall apply when those items are:

- (a) introduced into the territory of one Contracting Party by or on behalf of a designated airline of the other Contracting Party;
- (b) retained on board aircraft of a designated airline of one Contracting Party on arriving in or leaving the territory of the other Contracting Party; or
- (c) taken on board aircraft of a designated airline of one Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party,

whether or not the items are used or entirely consumed within the territory of the Contracting Party granting the exemption, provided that those items are not alienated in the territory of that Contracting Party.

3. The regular airborne equipment, as well as the materials and supplies normally retained on board the aircraft of a designated airline of each 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 this case, they may be placed under the supervision of those authorities until they are re-exported or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Customs laws and regulations applicable in that territory.

4. Each Contracting Party shall exempt baggage and cargo in direct transit across its territory from customs duties and other similar charges.