

ARTICLE XIII**Customs Duties and Other Charges**

1. Each Contracting Party shall, to the fullest extent possible under its national law and on a basis of reciprocity, exempt the designated airline or 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 that airline as well as printed ticket stock, air waybills, any printed material which bears the insignia of the company printed thereon and usual publicity material distributed without charge by that airline.

2. The exemptions granted by this Article shall apply to the items referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article:

(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 upon arriving in or leaving the territory of the other Contracting Party; and

(c) taken on board aircraft of a designated airline of one Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party;

whether or not such items are used or consumed wholly within the territory of the Contracting Party granting the exemption, provided such items are not alienated in the territory of the said 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 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.

4. Baggage and cargo in direct transit across the territory of either Contracting Party shall be exempt from customs duties and other similar charges.