

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE

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CUSTOMS GENERAL ORDER NO. 07/2008

SUBJECT: PERMISSION TO SELL DOMESTIC TICKETS ON ALL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BY PIA.

Certain flights of M/s. Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (PIAC) enroute to foreign destination, touch domestic destination for uplifting international passengers/cargo e.g. flight leaving from Karachi for Manchester stops over at Lahore. Likewise, at times flights from abroad carry passengers and cargo for two destinations in Pakistan. To improve the load factor by utilizing the available seats and cargo space on incoming and outgoing flights, M/s PIAC has sought permission to uplift passengers /cargo meant for domestic sector on these flights. In order to facilitate the passengers and meet the demand of Pakistan International Airline (PIA), the Federal Board of Revenue is pleased to lay down the following procedure:-

- (i) PIAC shall intimate in writing to the concerned Assistant Collector of Customs (Traffic) at the Airport of departure from where the flight shall originate, at least 12 hours prior to the departure of the international flight carrying domestic passengers;
- (ii) The Assistant Collector of Customs (Airport) shall depute two customs officers (in uniform) not below the rank of Senior Preventive Officers/Inspectors of Customs to escort the flight in terms of section 60 of the Customs Act, 1969;
- (iii) PIAC shall ensure proper segregation of international and domestic passengers on such flights. The Custom officer escorting the flight shall physically ensure that before the take off, international and domestic passengers have been properly segregated;
- (iv) The cargo and hold baggage for international passengers shall be properly segregated on domestic sectors. The pallets containing baggage of international passengers, and cargo shall be affixed with seals by customs and PIA at the airport of first departure from Pakistan with clear words "Customs Bonded Cargo";
- (v) Similarly, in case of flights coming from foreign origins, each pallet containing cargo and baggage of international passengers shall be sealed by the staff of PIA or

the concerned handling agent. Each seal shall bear the wording “Customs Bonded Cargo”. The seal shall also clearly specify the destination;

- (vi) The officers of Customs escorting the flight shall be provided a copy of Import General Manifest, and Passengers Manifest showing the seat location of passengers on flights coming into Pakistan and going to foreign destinations;
- (vii) At the airport of final disembarkation in Pakistan, the international passengers shall first be transferred from aircraft to international arrival hall by satellite bridge or bus under the supervision of the escorting customs officer. After the disembarkation of international passengers, the domestic passengers along with their hand baggage shall be transferred to domestic arrival hall;
- (viii) In case of flights leaving for foreign destinations, the hand baggage of international passengers carried from original airport of embarkation shall be re-examined at the next stop over in Pakistan by the Customs and other agencies as may be required by them at the international departure hall, and the travel documents may be checked by Immigration Authorities also, if needed. In the meantime, the staff of customs and other concerned agencies shall carry out the rummaging of the aircraft including the dog sniffing for narcotics check;
- (ix) After the customs clearance, the international passengers shall be transferred back to the aircraft for onward international journey;
- (x) M/s PIAC shall provide the details of all the flights to the concerned Assistant Collector by 25th of the month so that the escorting officers name can be placed in the monthly duty roaster for the subsequent month;
- (xi) PIA shall bear the cost of customs escort including return tickets and where necessary shall provide lodging to the escorting customs officer in case immediate return flight is not available and shall give daily allowance (depending upon the days of stay to Customs officer);

2. The aforesaid procedure has been devised on the basis of inputs received from the relevant Collectorates. However, with a view to facilitate passengers and in order to safeguard government revenue and to prevent violation of laws and rules in vogue the concerned Collectors of Customs are hereby authorised to initiate additional steps, in consultation with stakeholders, as they deem appropriate.

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