

**[AS PASSED BY THE MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT)]**

A  
Bill

*to consolidate and amend the law for better regulation and control of civil aviation and to confer certain duties and powers on the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority*

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law for better regulation and control of civil aviation and to confer certain duties and powers on the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, and for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows —

**CHAPTER I  
PRELIMINARY**

1. **Short title, extent, application and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Civil Aviation Act, 2023.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
- (3) It shall also apply to —
- (a) all airports in Pakistan and the persons employed at or in relation to the operation of, or provision of one or more aviation services at such airports;
  - (b) every person entering into or while being at an airport or any other aviation facility in Pakistan;
  - (c) every aircraft, including an aircraft registered outside Pakistan, in or over Pakistan, the pilot-in-command, crew, and the passengers boarding onto or on board such aircraft;
  - (d) every aircraft registered in Pakistan while being outside Pakistan, the pilot-in-command, crew and the passengers on board such aircraft;
  - (e) every holder of an aviation document exercising any privilege accorded by that document in or outside Pakistan;
  - (f) every other service and facility kept for, or engaged in or in relation to the operation of aircraft in Pakistan including those relating to safe navigation, search and rescue of aircraft, ground handling, handling of baggage, mail and cargo, training of pilots, cabin crew, and the design, manufacture, repair and maintenance of aircraft, and every person employed at or in relation to such service or facility; and
  - (g) every aeronautical product in Pakistan.
- (4) Nothing in this Act shall apply to —
- (a) an airport owned by, or operated, or kept for the exclusive use of any of the armed forces of Pakistan and persons employed at or in relation to such airport;
  - (b) an aircraft owned by, or operated, or kept for the exclusive use of any of the armed forces of Pakistan and the persons employed at or in relation to such aircraft;
  - (c) a facility for the manufacture, design and repair of an aircraft owned, operated or kept for the exclusive use of any of the armed forces of Pakistan and the persons employed at or in relation to such facility;
  - (d) any aeronautical product owned by or kept for the exclusive use of any of the armed forces of Pakistan; and
  - (e) a lighthouse to which the Lighthouse Act, 1927 (Act XVII of 1927), applies, or prejudice or affect any right or power exercisable by any authority

under that Act.

(5) The Federal Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that this Act, or any provisions thereof which it may specify in the notification, shall come into force on such date as it may appoint in this behalf and if no such date is appointed within one hundred and eighty days from the date of notification of the Act, it shall come into force at once on the expiry of this period.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context —

- (a) “Act” means the Pakistan Civil Aviation Act, 2023;
- (b) “aeronautical product” means anything or part of an aircraft or anything or part that is intended to be installed in or fitted or supplied to an aircraft and includes fuel and other similar consumable items necessary for the operation of the aircraft;
- (c) “Air Navigation Order” means an order issued by the Director General under section 148;
- (d) “air navigation service” means the services and aids for communicating with and guiding, controlling and surveilling an aircraft for safe navigation during all phases of its flight and include air traffic and aeronautical information management services, charting and cartographic services, flight procedure design services and other incidental and consequential services;
- (e) “air service” means the use of aircraft for the transport of passengers, mail, cargo, or for other proposes;
- (f) “aircraft” means any machine which can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, other than the reactions of the air against the earth’s surface, and includes a balloon, whether captive or free, airship, kite, glider, any other flying machine and an unmanned aircraft;
- (g) “airport” includes an aerodrome, airstrip, airfield, heliport and any other facility set apart or commonly used or intended to be used, either wholly or partly, for affording facilities for the landing and departure of aircraft as well as any runway, taxiway, building, shed, hanger, vessel, pier, parking areas and any other structure or facility appertaining to the airport in relation to the landing and departure of an aircraft, embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, loading and unloading and handling of passenger baggage, cargo and mail;
- (h) “airport manager” means the officer in-charge of an airport appointed in writing by the owner or operator of the airport;
- (i) “Airports Security Force” means the Airports Security Force established under the Pakistan Airports Security Force Act, 1975 (LXXVII of 1975);
- (j) “Authority” means the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority;
- (k) “authorized person” means a person designated as authorized person by the Director General under section 93;
- (l) “aviation document” means a licence, permit, certificate, authorization, approval or any other document issued under this Act to or in respect of any person, aircraft, airport, air service, aviation service or aeronautical product;
- (m) “aviation facility” means any facility or premises used for, or kept aside for or in relation to the operation of aircraft and provision of air and air navigation services, and includes an airport, hanger, fuel storage area and a facility for the training and certification of pilots and crew and persons