

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

A
Bill

to establish the Pakistan Airports Authority for better administration, operation and development of airports and air transport services in Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan Airports Authority for better administration, operation and development of airports and related services 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 shall be called the Pakistan Airports Authority Act, 2023.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall apply to all airports and the air navigation services operated or kept for air transport other than those belonging to or operated for the exclusive use of any of the armed forces of Pakistan.

(4) 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 Airports Authority Act, 2023;

(b) “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;

(c) “air navigation services” mean services and aids for communicating with and guiding, controlling and surveilling an aircraft for safe navigation during all phases of flight operations and include air traffic and aeronautical information management services, charting and cartographic services, as well as procedure for air navigation services, flight procedure design services and other incidental and consequential services;

(d) “airport” means—

(i). an aerodrome, airstrip, airfield, heliport and any other facility transferred to, or acquired, set up or developed by the Authority and set apart or commonly used or intended to be used, either wholly or partly, for affording facilities for the landing and departure of aircrafts 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; and
- (ii). for the purpose of Chapter VI, any airport not being an airport operated or kept for the exclusive use of any of the armed forces of Pakistan, whether or not it is transferred to, or acquired, set up or developed by the Authority;
- (e) “airport manager” means —
- (i). an officer of the Authority in-charge of the airport; or
- (ii). the person in-charge of an airport not being an airport transferred to, or acquired, set up or developed by the Authority on whom any or all of the powers of the airport manager under this Act or conferred by the Secretary;
- (f) “Airport Order” means an order issued by the Director General under section 68;
- (g) “Airport Security Force” means the Airport Security Force established under the Pakistan Airport Security Force Act, 1975 (LXXVII of 1975);
- (h) “Authority” means the Pakistan Airports Authority;
- (i) “authorized officer” means —
- (i). an officer of the Authority authorized by the Director General for the purpose of the Act; or
- (ii). in relation to an airport not being an airport transferred to, or acquired, set up or developed by the Authority, a person on whom any or all of the powers of the authorized officer under this Act are conferred by the Secretary;
- (j) “Board” means the Board of the Authority;
- (k) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Board;
- (l) “Collector” means the Collector of the district appointed under the law relating to land revenue;
- (m) “Director General” means the Director General of the Authority;
- (n) “Federal Government” means the Government of Pakistan;
- (o) “member” means a member of the Board;
- (p) “member of a committee” means member of a committee of the Board;
- (q) “meteorological services” means the provision of weather information and forecasts to support safe and efficient navigation of aircrafts;
- (r) “Minister” means the Minister in-charge of the Aviation Division;
- (s) “Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority” means the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority established under the Civil Aviation Ordinance, 1982 (Ordinance XXX of 1982);
- (t) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules or regulations;
- (u) “Prime Minister” means the Prime Minister of Pakistan;
- (v) “private member” means a member mentioned at clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 6;
- (w) “regulations” means the regulations made under the Act;
- (x) “rules” mean the rules made under the Act;
- (y) “Schedule” means the schedule appended to the Act;
- (z) “Secretary” means the Secretary to the Government of Pakistan in-