

SINGAPORE



Treaty Series No. 7 (1989)

Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Republic of Singapore

further amending the Agreement for Air Services
between and beyond their Respective Territories
signed at Singapore on 12 January 1971,
as amended

Singapore, 16 September and 11 October 1988

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE FURTHER AMENDING THE
AGREEMENT FOR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN AND BEYOND THEIR
RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES SIGNED AT SINGAPORE ON
12 JANUARY 1971 AS AMENDED**

No. 1

*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Singapore to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Singapore*

*British High Commission
Singapore
16 September 1988*

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for Air Services between and beyond their Respective Territories, signed at Singapore on 12 January 1971¹ as amended by Exchanges of Notes of 27 May/14 June 1976², 23/30 August 1978³ and 28 March 1980⁴ and to recent discussions which have taken place between representatives of the two Governments concerning proposed amendments to that Agreement.

As a result of these discussions it was agreed that the Agreement should be amended by the addition, after Article 11, of the following Article:—

ARTICLE 11 bis

“(1) The assurance of safety for civil aircraft, their passengers and crew being a fundamental pre-condition for the operation of international air services, the Contracting Parties reaffirm that their obligations to each other to provide for the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference (and in particular their obligations under the Convention, the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963⁵, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at the Hague on 16 December 1970⁶ and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971⁷) form an integral part of this Agreement.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall provide upon request all necessary assistance to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports and air navigation facilities, and any other threat to the security of civil aviation.

(3) The Contracting Parties shall, in their mutual relations, act in conformity with the aviation security Standards and, so far as they are applied by them, the Recommended Practices established by the International Civil Aviation Organisation and designated as Annexes to the Convention; and shall require that operators of aircraft of their registry, operators who have their principal place of business or permanent residence in their territory, and the operators of airports in their territory, act in conformity with such aviation security provisions. In this paragraph the reference to aviation security Standards includes any difference notified by the Contracting Party concerned. Each Contracting Party shall give advance information to the other of its intention to notify any difference.

¹ Treaty Series No. 20 (1971), Cmnd. 4619.

² Treaty Series No. 93 (1976), Cmnd. 6622.

³ Treaty Series No. 7 (1979), Cmnd. 7431.

⁴ Treaty Series No. 64 (1980), Cmnd. 7988.

⁵ Treaty Series No. 126 (1969), Cmnd. 4230.

⁶ Treaty Series No. 39 (1972), Cmnd. 4956.

⁷ Treaty Series No. 10 (1974), Cmnd. 5524.

(4) Each Contracting Party shall ensure that effective measures are taken within its territory to protect aircraft, to screen passengers and their carry-on items, and to carry out appropriate checks on crew, cargo (including hold baggage) and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding or loading and that those measures are adjusted to meet increases in the threat. Each Contracting Party agrees that its airlines may be required to observe the aviation security provisions referred to in paragraph (3) required by the other Contracting Party, for entrance into, departure from, or while within, the territory of that other Contracting Party. Each Contracting Party shall also act favourably upon any request from the other contracting Party for reasonable special security measures to meet a particular threat.

(5) When an incident or threat of an incident of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft or other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports or air navigation facilities occurs, the Contracting Parties shall assist each other by facilitating communications and other appropriate measures intended to terminate as rapidly as possible, commensurate with minimum risk to life, such incident or threat.

(6) In the event that a Contracting Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Contracting Party has departed from the provisions of this Article, that Contracting Party may request immediate consultations with the other Contracting Party with a view to reaching a satisfactory resolution of the matter. The consultations shall be held within 15 days of the date of receipt of such a request.”

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Singapore, I have the honour to propose that this Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

MICHAEL PIKE

No. 2

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore to the United Kingdom High Commissioner at Singapore

*Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Singapore*

11 October 1988

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 16 September 1988, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to confirm that the contents of the above Note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Singapore and therefore agree that the Note together with this reply shall together constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

WONG KAN SENG