

1976 No. 591

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Policing of Airports (Birmingham)
(First Supplementary) Order 1976**

Made - - - 12th April 1976

Laid before Parliament 22nd April 1976

Coming into Operation 1st May 1976

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsections (1) and (2) of section 6 of the Policing of Airports Act 1974(a), and after such consultation as is mentioned in subsection (6) thereof, I hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and operation

1. This Order may be cited as the Policing of Airports (Birmingham) (First Supplementary) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1976.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, namely—

“appointed day” means 1st May 1976;

“the airport authority” means the West Midlands county council;

“the airport constabulary” means the constabulary maintained by the airport authority under section 14 of the Birmingham Corporation Act 1970(b);

“the chief constable” means the chief constable of the West Midlands police force.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Transfer of constables

3. Subject to Article 4 below, on the appointed day there shall be transferred to the West Midlands police force such members of the airport constabulary as, before that date, shall have been designated for transfer by agreement between the airport authority and the chief constable or, in default of agreement, by the Secretary of State.

(a) 1974 c. 41.

(b) 1970 c. xxii.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

Consent to transfer

4. No person shall be transferred in pursuance of Article 3 above unless, before the appointed day, he has consented to such transfer by notice in writing given to the airport authority.

Compensation

5.—(1) The airport authority is hereby required to make such payments as are mentioned in paragraph (2) below to or in respect of persons who suffer any loss of office or loss or diminution of emoluments which is attributable to Birmingham Airport becoming a designated airport for the purposes of the Policing of Airports Act 1974.

(2) The payments referred to in paragraph (1) above are payments by way of compensation of such amount and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the airport authority and the Secretary of State or, in default of agreement, as may be determined by him.

Suspension of section 14 of the Birmingham Corporation Act 1970

6. So long as Birmingham Airport is a designated airport no person shall be appointed as a constable under section 14 of the Birmingham Corporation Act 1970.

Amendment of byelaws

7. In the Birmingham Airport Byelaws 1960, byelaw 4(ii) shall stand as byelaw 4(iii) and after byelaw 4(i) there shall be inserted the following provision:—

“(ii) Without prejudice to byelaws 2(c) and 4(i), it shall be an offence against these byelaws for any person to fail to comply with a request, made by a constable under the direction and control of the chief constable of the West Midlands police force—

(a) to leave the airport or any particular part of it, or

(b) to state his name and address and the purpose of his being on the airport.”.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
12th April 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order contains certain provisions necessary or expedient in connection with, or in consequence of, Birmingham Airport becoming a designated airport for the purposes of the Policing of Airports Act 1974 in pursuance of the Policing of Airports (Birmingham) Order (S.I. 1976/590) and, accordingly, falling to be policed by the West Midlands police force.

Articles 3 and 4 relate to the transfer of airport constables to the West Midlands police force.

Article 5 relates to compensation.

Article 6 suspends the airport authority's power to appoint constables to police the airport.

Article 7 contains amendments to the Birmingham Airport Byelaws 1960.