

Non-refundable Bangladesh permits

OPSGROUP Team

22 October, 2018



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF BANGLADESH
HEADQUARTERS, KURMITOLA, DHAKA
No. CAAB/1714/RT/6505, Dated: 7th September 2018
AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR NO: 02/2018

Subject: Payment for flight permit for non-schedule flights by foreign registered Aircraft into or in transit across Bangladesh.

In pursuant to paragraph 11.6 of Air Transport Circular no. 01/2018, all Operational Services Provider License (OSPL) holders are requested to pay an amount of USD 195.00 (One hundred and ninety-five) through permit automation system (Permit Operation Database-POD) to process each request for non-schedule flight permit for foreign registered aircraft operated by foreign air operator/ airline/ principal. The payment is non-refundable, irrespective of the approval or rejection to the permit request.

The OSPL holders shall be responsible for the validity, authenticity and correctness of the data/document supplied/uploaded to POD, and for any unlawful activities/ cybercrime/ abuse into POD portal, which may endanger the safety and operation of POD (both software and hardware), will lead to the termination or suspension of the OSPL and punitive actions will be taken for such actions/abuse. To prevent all unlawful activities, abuse and cybercrime against POD, an agreement/undertaken, prepared by CAAB with necessary conditions, shall have to be signed by every OSPL holders to confirm their compliance in this regard.

The circular will come into effect from 08 October 2018, 0000UTC.


Air Vice Marshal M. Naim Hassan, BSB, CSP, AFM, FC
Chairman.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh recently published circular 02/2018 which outlines a \$195 USD overflight permit fee for non-scheduled foreign aircraft transiting the **VGFR/Dhaka** FIR. The fee is certainly on the high side but the disappointing part is :

“The payment is **non-refundable**, irrespective of the approval **or rejection** to the permit request.”

Say what?

There was a similar type of no-refund situation within the **TNCF/Curaco** FIR but we now understand after some noise, operators are getting refunds as per normal industry practice.

We say it's time for the CAA in Bangladesh to stop this non-refundable nonsense.

Have you had a permit denied and not received your money back? Reach out and Let us know!