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In exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 39 of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act, No. 212, 2022 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria makes the following By-Laws:

**PART I  
PRELIMINARY**

**1. Application**

These By-Laws shall not apply to any member of a Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Medical Service or any local law enforcement and responders when attending to an emergency.

**PART II  
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LANDSIDE**

**2. Establishment of Access Gates**

- (1) The Authority may, as its discretion establish access gates on any road within the Airport and determine rates payable on any of the gates.
- (2) Any vehicles which uses any of the access gates established by the Authority shall pay access gate fees as determined by the Authority except vehicles exempted under this paragraph.
- (3) The following types of vehicles are exempted from the payment of access gate fee –
  - (a) ambulances;
  - (b) fire services;
  - (c) hearse;
  - (d) refuse collectors within the Airport;

**3. Regulating vehicular traffic within the Airport**

- (1) A person shall not without lawful authority or excuse, at the Airport –
  - (a) drive or place a vehicle in a place not provided for as passage or accommodation of such vehicle;
  - (b) drive a vehicle recklessly or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to other persons;
  - (c) neglect, fail or refuse to comply with an indication or direction given by a traffic sign placed on or near such parts of the Airports or a police officer, traffic warden or an officer of the Authority for the time being engaged in the control of traffic;

- (d) refuse or fail to pay car park or access permit fees;
- (e) obstruct or disrupt traffic flow at the car park or access gate;
- (f) exhibit, unruly behavior at the car park or access gate;
- (g) Assault, intimidate or harass any authorized airport official including car park or access gate attendants; or
- (h) cause any private hire vehicle to load passengers at the Airport other than in an official car park.

- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N100,000.00 or community service in the case of an individual, in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N500,000.00. Repeat traffic offenders shall also have their access permits suspended.

**4. Impounding of vehicles**

- (1) Where any vehicles is parked in a non-parking zone or any other restricted area, the vehicle shall be impounded by the Authority or its authorised agent and removed to a location designated by the Authority for that purpose.
- (2) Any person who claims to be entitled to the custody of a vehicle removed pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be entitled within 24 hours to recover same on payment of the sum of N100,000.00 as cost of moving the vehicle, provided that for each additional day, the claimant shall pay an extra fee of N10,000 per day without prejudice to the Authority's right to prosecute the offender.
- (3) The fee prescribed in this paragraph shall be subject to review as deemed necessary by the Authority.
- (4) On production of a receipt issued by the Authority or its authorized agents in respect of the fee prescribed in this paragraph and evidence of vehicle ownership or particulars, the vehicle shall be released to the claimant.

**5. Power of the Authority to dispose of an impounded vehicle**

An impounded vehicle is deemed abandoned at the expiration of 120 days from the date the vehicle was impounded and shall be vested in the Authority, which reserves the right to dispose it in accordance with guidelines specified by the Authority.

**6. Imposition of parking fees**

- (1) As from the commencement of these By-Laws, fees to be charged for parking of vehicles at the Airport shall be as specified by the Authority.

- (2) Any person who uses any of the parking lots specified at the Airport shall obtain an official ticket, receipt or sticker and show same to the car park attendant or authorized airport official on demand.
- (3) The Authority shall provide protocol car parks for government vehicles, where practicable, subject to the payment of a fee as may be specified by the Authority.
- (4) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N100,000.00 in the case of an individual, N500,000.00 in the case of a corporate body and the offender's vehicle may be impounded.
- (5) Any person who collects and fails to remit to the Authority any money due to it, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N2,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of two years or both and a refund of the money collected.

**7. Prohibited activities of vehicle owners**

- (1) A person shall not without lawful authority –
  - (a) wait, leave or park a vehicle in excess of the permitted time in an area where the period of waiting is restricted by notice;
  - (b) stand or park a taxi at the Airport or ply for hire except on an authorized stand designated by the Authority;
  - (c) ply for hire a taxi or pick up passengers except on a taxi stand or an authorized stand designated for that purpose and indicated by the sign "AIRPORT TAXIS" or any other appropriately mounted sign;
  - (d) operate a vehicle not registered with the Authority for provision of ground transportation or indirectly through a registered ride company;
  - (e) leave a disabled vehicle on an authorized stand longer than 60 minutes;
  - (f) obstruct the carriage-way, access gate, foot path or buildings or cause annoyance or disturbance to persons in the vicinity with a vehicle;
  - (g) wash or clean a taxi on an unauthorized stand; or
  - (h) constitute public nuisance by canvassing for passengers.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a period of community service or a fine not less than N100,000.00 or both in the case of an individual; and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N500,000.00.

**8. Land encroachments**

- (1) Any person who –

- (a) enters, constructs, modifies, sells or uses any structure, building or facility on Airport land without the required permit and approval by the Authority; or
  - (b) stores or accumulates any material, equipment, or any other item on Airport land without the express written permission of the Authority; or
  - (c) engages in any hazardous or dangerous activity on or near Airport land that may pose a risk to the safety of aircraft or Airport users.  
commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N10,000,000.00.
- (2) The Authority shall, at the expense of the encroacher, take reasonable steps including the issuance of notice to vacate or legal action to remove any encroachment.

**PART III**

**OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN PASSENGER TERMINALS**

**9. Prohibited activities within the terminal building**

- (1) A person shall not –
  - (a) smoke or use any smoking device within the terminal building;
  - (b) bring any weapon to the terminal building except with the approval of the Authority;
  - (c) behave in a disorderly, disruptive, indecent or offensive manner to cause serious public disorder or interfere with the comfort, convenience or safety of any passenger or person using the Airport;
  - (d) organize or take part in any public assembly, demonstration or procession, likely to obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the Airport, without permission from the appropriate authority, or display any flag, banner, poster, or emblem likely to cause a breach of the public peace at the Airport;
  - (e) obstruct any person acting in the execution of their duty in relation to the security and operation of the Airport;
  - (f) walk on or cause damage to any flower bed, or without the permission of the Authority remove, pick or otherwise damage any tree or any other ornamental plant or dig or remove soil from any part of the Airport;
  - (g) bring to the Airport any bird, animal or thing for the purpose of grazing or sale;
  - (h) allow any vehicle, animal or thing which is required to be removed, to be at the Airport;
  - (i) build, construct or alter any structure without written approval of the Authority; or
  - (j) obstruct, hinder or refuse to submit to screening.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-paragraph (1) (a), (d), (g) and (h) of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of one month, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or community service.

- (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) (b) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to Imprisonment for a term of one year or a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00.
- (4) Any person who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (1) (c), (e), (f), (i), and (j) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of three months or a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00.

**10. Prohibition or Restriction of access to any part of the Airport**

- (1) A person shall not, without lawful authority –
- (a) fail to comply with any notice prohibiting or restricting access to any building, road or any part of the Airport;
- (b) block, lock-up or close any access gate or access points designated by the Authority, using persons, vehicles or weapon of any form or description;
- (c) climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing or post;
- (d) enter or leave the Airport otherwise than through a gate or entrance provided for that purpose;
- (e) enter any part of the Airport which is designated “RESTRICTED AREA” to which members of the public are not admitted to enter by the use of arms or any form of intimidation; or
- (f) enter the Airport, whilst having been prohibited from entering by an authorized officer of the Authority.
- 2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00.

**Prohibition of Touts and Touting**

For passenger terminal, a person shall not –

solicit for anything, loiter, frequent or remain in the Airport or any part of it without cause;

accost or patronise a person within the Airport, seeking to assist with purchase of a ticket, facilitate check-in, procure transportation, or do any act whether for a fee or ex-gratis; or

offer to a passenger any form of unauthorised Airport facilitation or engage in unauthorized protocol facilitation.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term

of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or community service.

- (3) Any person who is convicted under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not return to carry out any work or duty in any other Airport in Nigeria within a period of not less than six months.
- (4) For cargo terminals, a person or group of persons shall not –
- (a) solicit for customers at the cargo terminal for the purposes of obtaining cargo clearance or otherwise;
- (b) access restricted areas of the cargo terminal without proper documentation and authorisation;
- (c) impersonate Cargo Development Services staff, FAAN or other Government Agencies;
- (d) connive to conceal import or export cargo at the cargo warehouse section;
- (e) Engage in cargo theft at the cargo terminal; or
- (f) Alter invoices and receipts of the Authority with the intent of defrauding the Authority.
- (5) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sub-paragraph (4) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or both in the case of an individual and a fine of N2,500,000.00 in the case of a body corporate.

**12. Prohibition of Extortion**

- (1) A person shall not –
- (a) Collect money or any valuable item from a passenger or Airport user under threat or undue influence of providing any form of service in the Airport; or
- (b) Intimidate or deny any passenger or Airport user any necessary service, for refusal to offer any gratification for such service.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months or a fine of not less than N500,000.00.

**13. Directive to leave the Airport**

- (1) A person shall not without any business at the Airport, remain at the Airport or any part of it after being ordered by an Aviation Security Officer or any other authorised officer to leave.
- (2) A person, including Airport Staff, Airport concessionaire, agent, airline staff or any other operator, relieved from duty shall not remain at the Airport without permission.

- (3) Any person who contravenes the provision of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or community service.

**14. Notification and reporting of lost property**

- (1) Any person who loses an item at the Airport, shall notify an authorised Airport official as soon as the person realises that the item is missing.
- (2) Any person who finds property believed to be lost shall as soon as reasonably practicable, notify an authorised Airport official and inform the official of the place and circumstances in which it was found.
- (3) The Airport official notified, shall provide a lost item report form and require detailed information about the missing or found item such as, personal or flight details, item description, contact information and valid identification.
- (4) The Airport official before leaving the Airport and without touching the lost and found property, shall report to the Crime Investigation and Intelligence (CII) Office, "Tango City".
- (5) The officer at the Tango City shall:
- (a) subject the lost and found property to security checks by Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Unit of the Nigeria Police Force; and
- (b) document the property and deliver it, in the state in which it was found, to the Authority's store for safekeeping.
- (6) For the purpose of this paragraph, authorised Airport official means any Airport staff, security agency and stakeholder.

**15. Claim of property**

- (1) Where any lost property, before it is delivered for safe keeping in the Authority's store, is claimed by a person who proves to the satisfaction of the Aviation Security Officer that he is the true owner and gives his name, address and valid identification, it shall be returned to that person without a fee and the Aviation Security Officer as soon as practicable, shall report and document the facts with details of the property at the Tango City.
- (2) Any other property delivered to the Tango City shall be retained in the Authority's store for safe keeping, until claimed by the true owner.
- (3) Failure of an owner of a lost property to take possession of such property within three days of delivery in the Authority's store shall attract a fee of N10,000.00 per day for storage.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, where any property retained in the Authority's store, contains items of a perishable nature, if within 24 hours from the time when it was retrieved, it remains unclaimed, the officers of the Tango City may dispose of it, with the prior approval of the Authority's Directorate of Legal Services.

**16. Abandoned property**

Where a property is recovered and left unclaimed for a period of 90 days in the Authority's custody, the property shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall be forfeited and vested in the Authority, which may dispose of it in accordance with guidelines to be specified by the Authority.

**17. Prohibited commercial activities**

- (1) A person shall not, at the Airport -
- (a) Sing, dance, shout or play any musical instrument or erect, or use any apparatus for transmission, receipt, recording, reproduction or amplification of sound, speech or images without written permission of the Authority;
- (b) Post, distribute or display any sign, advertisement, poster, circular, or other printed or written material without the written permission of the Authority;
- (c) Sell or distribute, offer anything for sale, hire or make any offer of services for reward within the Airport without the written permission of the Authority;
- (d) Falsify, under-declare their earnings or conceal their scope of operations at the Airport, causing a reduction in the payments due to the Authority;
- (e) Manipulate revenue monitoring systems installed at the business locations to the detriment of the Authority;
- (f) Engage in any business activity other than those approved by the Authority or occupy any space beyond the dimensions allocated to it;
- (g) Refuse or deny any staff of the Authority access to their business locations in the course of their official duties; or
- (h) Destroy, alter or obstruct any facility previously installed or placed in their allocated spaces without the Authority's written permission.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N2,500,000.00.

**PART IV**

**OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE AIRSIDE**

**18. Unauthorised parking of vehicle**

- (1) A person shall not -

- (a) park a vehicle anywhere within the airside except a parking area specifically designated by the Authority for the category of the vehicle.
  - (b) park or cause a vehicle to remain at rest, in the parking area within the airside in such a condition or circumstance as to appear to the Authority to have been abandoned without requisite authorisation.
  - (c) park a vehicle in such a manner as to cause the vehicle to project beyond the boundaries of the parking area, or to obstruct the entrance or exit of the parking area.
  - (d) park a vehicle in a reserved parking lot, except it is by an authorized official or it is in possession of, and displays visibly on the vehicle, a valid reserved parking label issued by the Authority for the use of such parking lot; or
  - (e) park or cause a vehicle to remain at rest, on any road within the airside or cargo handling area in such a position, condition, or circumstances likely to cause danger, obstruction and undue inconvenience to other users of the road or traffic within the airside and cargo handling area.
- (2) The Authority may clamp, tow or remove any vehicle parked in contravention of this section and recover all costs of removal from the owner or operator.
- (3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months or a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00. Repeat offenders shall also have their airside access permits suspended.

**19. Unauthorised parking of Aircraft**

- (1) A person shall not -
  - (a) fail to comply with the instructions of the marshaller with respect to parking;
  - (b) park an aircraft other than in the place and position allocated from time to time for that aircraft by the Authority, except in the case of an emergency;
  - (c) fail to properly secure any standing aircraft not in the hangar;
  - (d) run an aircraft engine in a hangar;
  - (e) clean, service or maintain aircraft; vehicle or equipment or run aircraft engines on the tarmac or in areas other than those designated by the Authority; or
  - (f) fail to provide security for parked aircraft by the airline operator.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or a fine of not less than N2,500,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N7,000,000.00.
- (3) The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority may suspend or revoke the operating license for any violation of this paragraph.

**20. Offences relating to safety of aircraft**

- (1) A person shall not without lawful authority -
  - (a) tamper or interfere with any aircraft or anything used in connection with an aircraft;
  - (b) forcibly intrude or board an aircraft, enter, climb upon or attempt to enter or climb upon any aircraft or any part of it without authorisation;
  - (c) stow-away or connive with any person to stow-away in an aircraft or any part of it;
  - (d) introduce on board an aircraft or at any airport a weapon or hazardous device or material intended for criminal purposes;
  - (e) use an aircraft in service for the purpose of causing death, serious bodily injury or serious damage to property or the environment;
  - (f) communicate false information to jeopardise the safety of an aircraft in flight or on the ground, of passengers, crew, ground personnel or the general public, at any Airport or any part of it; or
  - (g) enter or get on or attempt to enter, any vehicle, truck, trolley, aircraft or other mobile equipment or tamper with the brake or other parts of its mechanism without lawful authorisation or reasonable excuse.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years and a fine of not less than N10,000,000.00 in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N20,000,000.00.

**21. Access to the airside**

- (1) An unauthorised person or vehicle shall not enter or remain on the airside of an Airport,
- (2) An authorised person shall carry and display valid identification, access permit and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment "PPE".
- (3) Access to the airside shall be controlled using security gates, checkpoints, surveillance systems and valid access permit.
- (4) Any person who contravenes any provision of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years or a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00 or both.
- (5) Repeat offenders shall upon conviction be liable to a fine of not less than N7,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of not less than five years or both.

**22. Power to remove or dispose abandoned aircraft**

- (1) The Authority shall have the power to remove and impound any abandoned aircraft located within the Airport.

- (2) A person or company shall not park or leave an unserviceable aircraft at the apron or any other part of the Airport not designated for the maintenance or repair of an aircraft.
- (3) Where any unserviceable aircraft is parked at an unauthorized location in the Airport, the Authority shall issue a notice to the owner of the aircraft to remove it within 30 days, failure of which the Authority shall impound it.
- (4) Notice under sub-section (3) shall be served by -
  - a) Physical attachment to the aircraft;
  - b) Delivery to the operators registered address;
  - c) Electronic mail; or
  - d) Publication on the Authority's official notice board and website.
- (5) Where the owner of a parked aircraft claims that the aircraft is serviceable to prevent it from being impounded, the owner shall back this claim by submitting a valid Certificate of Airworthiness and a valid Certificate of Release to Service the aircraft. The Authority shall confirm the authenticity of these documents with the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority.
- (6) Any person who claims to be entitled to the custody of an aircraft impounded and removed pursuant to sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph shall be entitled within 90 days from the date of removal to recover same upon payment of the sum of N10,000,000.00, in addition to any other payment the Authority shall charge as cost of removal.
- (7) The Authority shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the aircraft being removed.
- (8) The Authority shall have a lien on the abandoned aircraft for all costs incurred in its impoundment, storage and disposal and any impounded aircraft at the Authority's graveyard shall attract a monthly fee to be specified by the Authority.
- (9) On production of a payment receipt issued by the Authority in respect of a payment pursuant to this paragraph and evidence of entitlement to the aircraft, the owner of an impounded aircraft may reclaim it.
- (10) The owner of an abandoned aircraft shall have a maximum duration of 180 days from the day it was parked, to finally dispose of it, failure of which the Authority is at liberty to dispose of it after obtaining a court order.

### 23. Conduct of persons

1. A person shall not -
  - (a) Check-in any item, baggage or cargo, or cause to be brought for carriage on an aircraft any dangerous goods without declaration for safe handling;

- (b) Take a vehicle or articulated vehicle into a hangar used for the maintenance or storage of aircraft without authorisation from the Authority;
  - (c) Fill, transload or discharge from any container, including any part of a vehicle, fuel in any state, solid, liquid or gaseous, in a place other than the place approved for that purpose;
  - (d) Smoke or drink alcoholic beverage or test positive to alcohol or banned substance while driving or operating an equipment within the apron and cargo handling area;
  - (e) Fail to secure any stationary aircraft against movement or unauthorised entry or tampering with it;
  - (f) Board any aircraft without authorisation;
  - (g) Engage in, attempt or facilitate the pilfering of baggage, goods or property or any form of theft at the airside; or
  - (h) Bring any weapon to the airside except with the approval of the Authority.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-paragraph (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N2,500,000.00 or both in the case of an individual and N7,000,000.00 in the case of a corporate body,
  - (3) Any person who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (1) (h) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year or a fine of N5,000,000.00 or both.
  - (4) A person shall not -
    - (a) litter or carry out any act that may affect the general cleanliness and sanitary condition of the Airport and its environs or capable of causing injury to or affecting the health of any person or property in any part of the Airport;
    - (b) Feed any bird or animal within the airside or consume any food or beverage in the movement area except in the offices located on the apron or on board an aircraft; or
    - (c) Use mobile phone or any communication device contrary to the instruction of a ground handler, crew or an authorised airport official.
  - (5) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-paragraph (4) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N500,000.00, community service or both in the case of an individual and a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00 in the case of a corporate body.
  - (6) A person shall not -
    - (a) carry out any unauthorised activity at the cargo terminal;
    - (b) harass, intimidate, assault or cause bodily harm to any authorised Airport official;

- (c) conduct unapproved business activities at the cargo terminal;
  - (d) default in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedure; or
  - (e) fight or quarrel in a manner that causes public nuisance at the cargo terminal.
- (7) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-paragraph (6) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or community service in the case of an individual and in the case of a corporate body to a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00.
- (8) In addition to sub-paragraph (7) of this paragraph, the offender shall pay the medical bills of the person assaulted.
- (9) Notwithstanding the provision of sub-paragraph (8) of this paragraph, the Authority may seek further legal redress in a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **PART V**

#### **OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN CARGO HANDLING AREAS**

##### **24 Restriction of access to Cargo Terminal**

Any person who without lawful authority, gains access or carries out operations at the bulk-breaking or restricted area of the cargo terminal, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or both in the case of an individual, and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N2,500,000.00.

#### **PART VI**

#### **PERMITS**

##### **25. Use of Airport permit**

- (1) A permit holder shall not -
  - (a) refuse to clearly and visibly display a permit;
  - (b) violate the terms and conditions of the permit;
  - (c) use an expired permit;
  - (d) cover or conceal any detail on a permit;
  - (e) fail to wear or display an On-Duty-Card (ODC) visibly on outer clothing in front of the body, horizontally at chest height when entering or while inside a security restricted area of the Airport;
  - (f) fail to return the permit to the Authority through their employer upon expiration, termination, outward transfer from the Airport or resignation;
  - (g) willfully alter the permit in any manner, or reproduce, photocopy for access;

- (h) transfer permit to any other person or vehicle, not originally issued with the permit;
  - (i) travel out of the country with ODC; or
  - (j) fail to present ODC to an AVSEC officer for inspection or validation where access is sought to a security restricted area and upon leaving the area.
- (2) Failure of a permit holder to wear an ODC in the prescribed manner shall result in confiscation or blacklisting of the permit holder. In addition, the holder shall be escorted from the restricted area and prosecuted, where necessary.
- (3) A person without a valid airside driver's permit issued by the Authority, shall not operate any equipment, vehicle or machinery on the airside, including the ramp and service roads unless the person is being escorted by an authorised airport official.
- (4) Any person who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph is liable to a fine of not less than N200,000.00 and shall undertake the requisite training immediately.
- (5) Sanctions for violation of any of the regulations on Airport permit shall include withdrawal of the permit for a prescribed or unlimited period, including debarment for future use and prosecution. Continuous breaches shall result in the withdrawal of ODCs held by employees of the Agency or company concerned.

##### **26. Impersonation or forgery of security documents**

- (1) Any person who impersonates an airport official or forges any security documents commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year, a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00 or both in the case of an individual and N5,000,000.00 in the case of a corporate body.
- (2) Any offender under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph may be -
  - (a) required to make restitution for any damage caused by such actions; and
  - (b) proceeded against by the Authority, for further legal redress in a court of Competent jurisdiction.

#### **PART VII**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **27. General provision**

- (1) Every airline operator shall provide safety gadgets to its ramp workers and any ramp worker found without the required safety gadgets shall be denied access to the ramp and it shall be an offence for such an officer to refuse to leave the ramp.

- (2) Any ramp worker who contravenes sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph is liable on conviction to community service, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or both.
- (3) An airline operator shall submit its safety manual to the Airport Manager.
- (4) Any airline operator that fails to submit its safety manual to the Airport Manager, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00.
- (5) An airline operator shall submit a copy of its Air Operator's Security Programme "AOSP" to the Airport Manager, and to the Airport Chief of Security at each Airport where it operates.
- (6) Any airline operator that fails to submit a copy of its AOSP to the Airport Manager and the Airport Chief of Security commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00.
- (7) An airline operator shall use standard ground handling equipment approved by the Authority for the safe handling of passengers, baggage and cargo.
- (8) Any airline operator that fails to use standard ground handling equipment approved by the Authority for the safe handling of passengers, baggage and cargo, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00.
- (9) Any airport stakeholder shall adhere strictly to the terms of their Service Level Agreements and Standard Operating Procedures.
- (10) Any airport stakeholder who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (9) of this paragraph and causes security or safety breach to occur at the airport, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N3,000,000.00 and the Authority may seek further legal redress in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (11) An airport official shall adhere to the standard operating procedures to ensure that items are properly scanned before being loaded onto an aircraft.
- (12) Any Airport official who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (11) of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months, or a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or both for individuals and a fine of not less than N2,500,000.00 in the case of a corporate body.
- (13) A person shall not drop or otherwise deposit anything in such circumstances as to

- cause, contribute to, or tend to lead to the defacement or litter of any part of the Airport.
- (14) Any person who drops or otherwise deposits anything in such circumstances as to cause, contribute to, or tend to lead to the defacement or litter of any part of the Airport, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a period of community service for not less than one month, a fine not less than N200,000.00 or both.
  - (15) A person shall not without the written permission of the Authority, remove, displace, damage, deface or alter any building, structure, or other property whether movable or immovable, including any notice, forming part of or provided for or in connection with the Airport.
  - (16) Any person who without the written permission of the Authority, removes, displaces, damages, defaces or alters any building, structure or other property whether movable or immovable, including any notice, forming part of or provided for or in connection with the Airport, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or replacement of the damaged property or both.
  - (17) A person shall not enter or remain upon or use the Airport for the purpose of book-making, betting, wagering or agreeing to bet or wager or paying or receiving or setting bets with any other person.
  - (18) Any person who enters or remains upon or uses the Airport for the purpose of book-making, betting, wagering or agreeing to bet or wager or paying or receiving or setting bets with any other person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or both.
  - (19) A person shall not without the permission of the Authority beg or solicit for funds or contribution of any kind in any part of the Airport.
  - (20) Any person who begs or solicits for funds or contribution of any kind in any part of the Airport commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a period of community service for a period of not less than six months.
  - (21) A person shall not willfully raise false fire or bomb warning or any other emergency alarm in any part of the Airport.
  - (22) Any person who willfully raises false fire or bomb warning or any other emergency alarm in any part of the Airport commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00 or both.

- (23) A person shall not, without the permission of the Authority, take pictures or record the video of any scene of routine operation or of an emergency occurring at any part of the Airport, for the purpose of immediate transmission, broadcast or future posting via any medium, including social media.
- (24) Any person who without the permission of the Authority, takes pictures or records the video of any scene of routine operation or of an emergency occurring at any part of the Airport, for the purpose of immediate transmission, broadcast or future posting via any medium, including social media, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a period of not less than six months, community service, a fine of not less than N500,000.00 or both.
- (25) A person shall not, having been denied boarding a flight for excessive consumption of alcohol or confirmed to be drunk, constitute a nuisance or attempt to violently resist or fight the officers restraining such a person from boarding.
- (26) Any person who having been denied boarding a flight for excessive consumption of alcohol or confirmed to be drunk, constitutes a nuisance or attempts to violently resist or fight the officers restraining such a person from boarding, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to community service, a fine of not less than N250,000.00 or both.
- (27) A person shall not harass, intimidate, assault or cause bodily harm to any authorised Airport official.
- (28) Any person who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (27) of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to -
- Imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or a fine of not less than N2,000,000.00 or community service in the case of an individual and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of not less than N5,000,000.00; and
  - Pay the medical bills of the person assaulted and the Authority may seek further legal redress in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (29) A person shall not -
- tamper or interfere with or willfully misuse any CCTV Camera, Access Control Device, Airline Check-in Device or Computer, Airport or Airline Internet Infrastructures, Airline or Airport Operating Software, Air Navigational Aids, telephone or radio or other apparatus provided for transmitting and receiving messages at the Airport; or
  - Hack into or misuse any operating system, electronic or computer used for airline,

aircraft and Airport operations.

- (30) Any person who contravenes the provision of sub-paragraph (29) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year, a fine of not less than N2,500,000.00 or both, and in the case of a corporate body, a fine of not less than N10,000,000.00.
- (31) A person shall not -
- willfully and without good cause operate or attempt to operate any switch or lever of any escalator or lift, upon which is displayed a notice that is intended only to be operated in case of emergency at the Airport;
  - tamper with or misuse or attempt to tamper with, or interfere with any lift, escalator, conveyor belt, power operated gangway or other mechanical or electrical equipment without lawful authority;
  - tamper with or misuse or attempt to tamper with any equipment in the control tower or any navigational aid or landing system; or
  - tamper with mechanical and operational equipment at the Airport.
- (32) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-paragraph (31) of this paragraph, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years, a fine of not less than N3,000,000.00 or both.
- (33) A person shall not -
- at the Airport sell, or attempt to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk, or allow alcohol to be sold to a person who is drunk;
  - under the age of 18 obtain, or attempt to obtain alcohol for consumption at the Airport;
  - remove from the Airport or misuse any baggage trolley or wheelchair provided for passenger's use;
  - use skateboards, hover-boards or roller skates on any part of the Airport.
- (34) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-paragraph (33) of this paragraph commits an offence and is liable on conviction to community service with a fine of not less than N100,000.00 or both.
- 28. Revocation and savings**
- The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Bye-Laws, 2005 is revoked.
  - The revocation of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Bye-Laws shall not invalidate or prejudicially affect anything done or purported to be done under the revoked Bye-Laws.

**29. Interpretation**

In these By-Laws, -

**“abandoned aircraft”** means

- (a) an aircraft that has been disposed of at the Airport in a wrecked, inoperative, unserviceable or partially dismantled condition; or
- (b) an aircraft that has remained in an idle state at the Airport for 30 days and includes aircraft deemed a safety or operational hazard; or
- (c) an aircraft whose registered owner or operator cannot be reasonably traced within fourteen (14) days.

**“abandoned property”** means any item recovered at the Airport and left unclaimed for a period of at least 90 days;

**“aircraft”** means any vehicle which is designed or modified for navigation or flight in the air;

**“Airport”** means any defined area on land or water, including any building, installation and equipment managed by the Authority, intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft;

**“Airport land”** means any land owned or controlled by the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, including runways, taxiways, aprons, terminals and support facilities.

**“Airport users”** means any person using the facilities and services at the Airport which includes passengers and non-passengers such as Airport staff, airline employees and contractors;

**“airside”** means the area beyond the security checkpoint where aircraft operates, including runways, taxiways and gates;

**“apron”** means the paved area where aircraft parks, loads and unloads passengers and cargo;

**“authorised Airport officials”** means Airport staff, Security Agencies.

**“encroachment”** means any unauthorised use or occupation of Airport land, including construction, storage or other activities.

**“incursion”** means an unauthorised entry of a person or vehicle into the airside of an airport;

**“Lost property”** means any item left unattended or misplaced by a passenger or Airport user;

**“marshaller”** means a person authorised by the Authority and the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority to direct the movement of aircraft at the Airport;

**“Officer of the Authority”** means any person appointed by the Authority under section (10) (1) of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act, 2022;

**“parking”** means the positioning of an aircraft in a designated area as directed by a marshaller;

**“passenger”** means a person in whose name a ticket and a reservation is made or confirmed and who is eligible to travel upon the stated flight;

**“permit”** means authorisation issued by the Authority, that allows an individual or entity to conduct specific activities within the Airport premises;

**“pilot”** means any person who is in command or control of an aircraft;

**“restricted area”** means a designated zone at the Airport where access is limited and controlled for security and operational reasons;

**“taxi”** means any vehicle for the conveyance of passengers, which ply for hire and is not a public service vehicle;

**“Terminal building”** means the building or buildings at the airport used as terminals for passengers arriving at or departing from the airport.

**“The Authority”** means the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria established by section 1 of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act, 2022;

**“unauthorised person”** means any person without lawful permission to enter, remain or conduct any activity within the airside or any restricted area of an Airport;

**“unclaimed property”** means misplaced or lost items recovered at the Airport and is not picked up or claimed by any Airport user;

**“vehicle”** means a mechanically propelled machine intended or adapted for use on roads and shall include a motorcycle.

**30. Citation**

These By-Laws may be cited as the “Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria By-Laws, 2025”.

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I certify that these By-Laws have been approved by the:  
**HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR AVIATION AND AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT**  
In accordance with Section 39 of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act, 2022.

**MADE at Abuja this ..... day of ..... 2025**



**Mrs. Olubunmi.O. Kuku**  
**Managing Director**  
**Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria**