

AIR SERVICE FACILITIES AT GARDERMOEN AIRFIELD

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING AIR COM- MUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT GARDERMOEN AIRFIELD, NORWAY

The Government of Norway agrees:

1. To operate and maintain all facilities continuously in a manner adequate for the air traffic operating into and away from the airdrome at which the facilities are located and along the recognized international air routes converging on that airdrome, and, in order to insure this standard of service, the Norwegian Government agrees to abide by approved Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (PICAO) standards of operations unless changed by other international agreement to which the Government of the United States and the Norwegian Government are parties. (Allowance is to be made, of course, for possible unavoidable interruptions of the continuous operation which may result from break-downs in the equipment; in the case of any facilities which have not yet been placed in operation because they have not been properly calibrated, or of other facilities temporarily out of commission because of electrical or mechanical defects, every effort will be made to bring them into operation as soon as may be possible.)

2. To provide the full service of all facilities to all aircraft on a non-discriminatory basis with charges, if any, only for non-operational messages until an international agreement on charges has been promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization.

3. To continue the operation of all types of facilities in their original location or at new locations mutually agreed upon by the Government of the United States and the Norwegian Government until new facilities are installed in accordance with standards promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, or until it is determined by the Govern-

ment of Norway and the United States Government that there is no longer a need for the original facilities: it being understood that the aeronautical communication service facilities will be devoted exclusively to that service and will not be diverted to the general communication service.

4. To provide English-speaking operators at air-to-ground and control tower communication positions until regulations covering such voice transmissions are promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization and further, until such regulations are promulgated, to grant permission to a representative of the United States air carriers authorized to serve an airdrome to enter its control tower and, when in the opinion of the representative a case of necessity exists, to talk to the pilot of any United States aircraft flying in the vicinity of the airdrome, it being understood that the representative will in each instance obtain permission to enter the tower from the officer in charge.

5. To select radio frequencies for air-to-ground and control tower operations only after coordination with the using United States carriers and with adjacent stations on the recognized international air routes converging on the airdrome in order to minimize:

- (a) radio interference, and
- (b) the number of frequencies required to be operated by aircraft.

6. To authorize and facilitate day-to-day adjustments in air communication service matters relating to the equipment covered under this agreement, by direct communication between the operating agency of Norway and the service agency of the United States Government, United States carriers, or a communication company representing one or more of them.

7. To authorize United States air carriers or the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the United States to designate a technical adviser to advise and assist the agency designated by the Norwegian Government to operate the facilities so far as they relate to the safety and efficiency of United States airline operations. This designation is to continue as long as it is useful to United States air carriers. The Norwegian agency will not, however, be bound to act on the advice given should it be found contrary to Norwegian interests.

The Government of the United States of America, through either the United States Army, United States Navy, Civil Aeronautics Administration, or private agency agrees:

(a) To include in the sale of the basic installations one year's supply of maintenance parts and expendable supplies to the extent that theater surplus stocks permit.

(b) To do everything possible to assist the Government of Norway, or its representative, in purchasing through regular commercial channels maintenance parts and expendable supplies for the operation of the facilities.

Signed in duplicate at Oslo, Norway, *November 12, 1946.*

For the Government of Norway:

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