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and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Agreement concerning aerodrome facilities. Signed at Canberra, on 10 March 1947

English official text communicated by the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations. The registration took place on 18 November 1947.

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Accord permettant l'utilisation d'aérodromes. Signé à Canberra, le 10 mars 1947

Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant permanent de l'Australie auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 18 novembre 1947.

No. 145. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING AERODROME FACILITIES. SIGNED AT CANBERRA, ON 10 MARCH 1947

The Government of Australia, in consideration of the transfer to the Government of Australia by the Government of the United States of America of certain air navigation, air communication and weather facilities situated at Eagle Farm and Amberley in the State of Queensland in Australia (in this Agreement referred to as "the facilities") agrees with the Government of the United States of America as follows:

I. To operate and maintain the facilities continuously in a manner adequate for the air traffic operating to and away from the Eagle Farm aerodrome and along the recognised international air routes converging on that aerodrome and, to ensure this standard of service, to abide by approved Provisional International Civil Aviation Organisation standards of operation unless and until those standards are changed by any other international agreement to which the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States are both parties.

II. 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 Organisation.

III. To transmit weather reports as prescribed by the Weather Service of the United States to designated stations of the United States and to such other stations as are necessary to ensure an integrated meteorological network for international air-routes unless and until other provision is made by international agreement to which the Government of the United States is a party concerning civil and military meteorological requirements.

¹ Came into force on 10 March 1947, by signature.

IV. To continue the operation of all types of facilities at their original locations or on new locations mutually agreed by the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States until new facilities are installed in accordance with the standards promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organisation or until it is mutually agreed by the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States that there is no longer a need for the original facilities, it being understood that such of the original facilities as are devoted to the aeronautical communication service will be devoted exclusively to that service and will not be diverted to the general communication service.

V. To provide English-speaking operators at Air-to-ground and control tower communication positions until regulations covering such voice transmission are promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organisation and further, until such regulations are promulgated, to grant permission to a representative of the United States air carriers authorised to serve an aerodrome 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 aerodrome.

VI. To select radio frequencies for air-to-ground and control tower operations at an aerodrome only after co-ordination with the United States air carriers using the aerodrome and with adjacent stations in the recognised international air routes converging on the aerodrome in order to minimise—

(a) radio interference; and

(b) the number of frequencies required to be operated by aircraft.

VII. To authorise and facilitate day-to-day adjustment in aeronautical communication service matters by direct communication between the operating agency of the Government of Australia and the service agency of the Government of the United States, United States air carriers or a communication company representing one or more of them.

VIII. To authorise United States air carriers or the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the United States to designate a technical officer to advise and assist the agency designated by the Government of Australia to operate the facilities insofar as they relate to the safety and efficiency of the United States airline operations. This designation is to continue as long as it is useful to United States air carriers.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the Plenipotentiaries of the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America have hereunto signed their names.

DONE in duplicate at Canberra this tenth day of March in the year of Our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

For the Government of Australia:

H. V. EVATT

For the Government of the United States of America:

Robert BUTLER
