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AERA/20010/MYTP/AISATS/Cargo/Bangalore/CP-III/2024-29

**भारतीय विमानपत्तन आर्थिक विनियामक प्राधिकरण**  
**Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India**

**आदेश संख्या 05/2024-25**

**Order No. 05/2024-25**

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**विषय :** केंपेगोड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा, बैंगलुरु में एयर इंडिया सेट्स एयरपोर्ट्स सर्विसेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को एक्सप्रेस कूरियर कार्गो हैंडलिंग का प्रबंध करने के लिए तदर्थ टैरिफ निर्धारित करने के मामले में।

**Subject:** In the matter of Determination for Ad-hoc tariff for handling Express Courier Cargo to Air India SATS Airports Services Private Limited at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru.

**AISATS Submission:**

1. Air India SATS Airports Services Private Limited (AISATS), vide letter no. 2024/BLR/ECT/AERA /001 dated 23.05.2024 submitted that Express Industry Council of India (EICI) had signed a License Agreement dated 25.02.2019 with Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) for operation of Common User Express Terminal (CUET) at KIA, Bengaluru. However, due to its operational reasons EICI no longer wants to manage and operate CUET at Bengaluru airport and requested BIAL to appoint another agency to take over the operations of CUET.

Accordingly, on 07.07.2023, BIAL signed a novation agreement executed amongst BIAL, EICI and AISATS for transferring the rights of operations & maintenance of CUET in favour of AISATS.

2. AISATS further submitted that they are expected to take over the operations of CUET in the near future, after obtaining Customs Custodianship, and requested the Authority to allow interim tariff for AISATS in respect of CUET operation at Bengaluru Airport as proposed below:

(a) Current tariff applicable to EICI for its services related to Courier Agents.



- (b) Tariff approved by AERA for AISATS (Order no 32/2019-20 dated 19.03.2020) when they were operating as Cargo Terminal Operator at KIAB, in respect of Airlines' related services at CUET.

### **Authority's Examination**

3. The Authority notes that BIAL (Airport Operator), EICI (existing CUET Operator) and AISATS (new agency) have executed a tripartite novation agreement on 07.07.2023, whereby rights of operation and managing the CUET is to be transferred from EICI in favour of AISATS on same terms and condition, as applicable to original agreement between BIAL and EICI which was executed on 25.02.2019, for a period of 10 years. After getting necessary approvals & completion of regulatory formalities (Customs Custodianship etc.), AISATS is expected to takeover CUET Operations shortly.
4. The Authority examined the request of AISATS for approval of ad-hoc tariff for their proposed takeover of CUET operations and sought the further information/ clarifications on the following points:
- Whether AISATS has obtained status of Regulated Agent from BCAS for its proposed operations at CUET, Bengaluru.
  - Status of receipt of Customs' Custodianship in respect of the operations of CUET at Bengaluru Airport.
  - Basis for proposed Tariff in respect of 'Airlines Charges' at CUET, Bengaluru for International Express Courier Cargo, as Tariff for 'Airlines Charges' is not the part of EICI approved Tariff.
5. In response to AERA's above observations, AISATS vide e-mail dated 08.07.2024 submitted that AISATS is already certified as Regulated Agent by BCAS for KIA, Bengaluru as per BCAS certificate dated 03.09.2021, which is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of security clearance (i.e. 02.02.2021).

As regard to grant of Customs' Custodianship, the ISP stated that they are in the process of taking over Customs Custodianship and the process is expected to be completed during August 2024.

AISATS, on the proposed charges for Airlines in respect of International Express Cargo, further informed that "as EICI is not Regulated Agent to handle Airlines Cargo, EICI is only Customs Custodian and hence they are collecting facilitation charges as per their rate card. Whereas, AISATS had been acting as Regulated Agent for handling Express Cargo at EICI terminal (which was initially within the AISATS Main Cargo Terminal) and AISATS was collecting the handling charges from Airlines, based on approved AISATS BLR Cargo Tariff which included Courier handling charges as well. Once EICI terminal moved out of AISATS Main Cargo Terminal to a new facility, AISATS continued to act as the Regulated Agent based on its Regulated Agent status and continued providing courier handling services to Airlines based on the same prevailing tariff."



6. The Authority observes that AISATS, in its proposal for interim tariff, has not submitted the charges for domestic express courier cargo, the matter was discussed with AISATS, wherein the ISP clarified that they intend to provide International Express Courier Services only at CUET, Bengaluru.
7. The Authority notes that AERA, vide order No.16/2013-14 dated 21.06.2013, determined the tariff in respect of EICI for the first three years (FY 2011-12 to FY 2013-14) of the First Control Period i.e. FY 2011-12 to FY 2015-16. Further, the Authority vide order no 23/2015-16 dated 03.07.2015 approved the same tariff for the last two years (FY 2014-15 to FY 2015-16) of the First Control Period.

Thereafter, the same tariff has been extended by the Authority, from time to time on Ad-hoc basis. Presently, the prevailing ad-hoc tariff is valid up to 30.09.2024.

8. The Authority, noting that the facility of Express Courier Cargo is important for air cargo operations at Bengaluru Airport and to facilitate transition of operation and management of CUET from EICI to AISATS (new agency), decides to consider prevailing Ad-hoc tariff applicable to EICI for AISATS in respect services pertaining to Courier agents, as an interim measure.

In respect of Airlines related services (for International Express Courier Cargo), Authority decides to consider Ad-hoc tariff for AISATS, based on the then prevailing charges for AISATS (pertaining to Airlines related services) as approved by AERA vide order No. 32/2019-20 dated 19.03.2020 for the fourth and fifth tariff years of the Second Control Period (FY 2016-17 to FY 2020-21). Thereafter, the tariff prevailing as on 31.03.2021 for the AISATS was extended from time to time, upto the end of concession period of the ISP. i.e., 23.05.2023.

9. AISATS shall inform the Authority the actual date of taking over (Commercial Operations Date) of CUET and shall submit the MYTP in the prescribed format, along with necessary supporting documents in respect of CUET operations, within one month of commencement of regular operations, for the determination of regular tariff.

## ORDER

Considering the above and to enable continuity of Express Courier Cargo Services at KIA, Bengaluru, in the overall interest of all the stakeholders, the Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 13 (1) of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act 2008, hereby orders that:

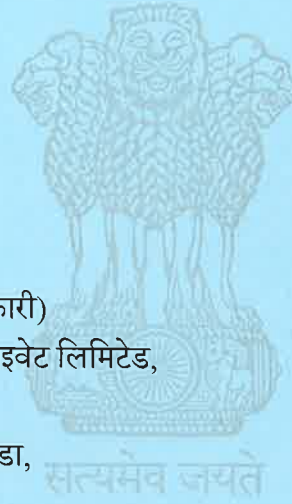
1. AISATS is allowed to levy, on Ad-hoc basis, tariff for International Express Courier Cargo Services at KIA, Bengaluru as per **Annexure**.
2. The Ad-hoc Tariff approved hereinunder shall be applicable from the commencement of commercial operations by AISATS at KIA, Bengaluru up to 31.03.2025, or, till the determination of regular tariff by the Authority for AISATS, whichever is earlier.




3. Tariff approved, as above, shall be the maximum charges to be levied to Users. No other Charge(s) is to be levied over and above the approved Tariff.
4. The Tariff determined herein above is excluding of applicable taxes, if any.
5. The Airport Operator to publish the approved Tariffs for AISATS pertaining to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru, at its official website for the information of all the stakeholders.
6. The Airport Operator shall ensure compliance of the Order.

प्राधिकरण की ओर से जारीकर्ता

By the Order of and in the Name of the Authority



  
(सुयश नारायण / Suyash Narain)  
सचिव / Secretary

सेवा में/To,

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Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport New Delhi-110003.
2. श्री हरी मरार, प्रबंध निदेशक, बैंगलुरु अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा, लिमिटेड, अल्फा-2, प्रशासनिक ब्लॉक, देवनहल्ली, बैंगलुरु -560300.  
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**ANNEXURE**

**AERA APPROVED AD-HOC TARIFF IN RESPECT OF M/s AISATS, FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS COURIER CARGO SERVICES AT KIA, BENGALURU**

**AD-HOC Tariff is effective from COD upto 31.03.2025**

**A. Maximum Rates to be paid by Courier Companies for International Express Cargo.**

S No.	LIST OF CHARGES	RATE IN INR (FY 2024-25)
<b>1.</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS</b>	
1.1	Facilitation Fees	Rs.19.00 per kg
1.2	Detention Fees	
1.2.1	0-3 Days	NIL
1.2.2	04-05 Days	Rs. 2.00 Per Kg Per day for the fourth and fifth day, or part thereof or Rs. 30/- whichever is higher
1.2.3	06-10 Days	Rs. 2.00 Per Kg Per day counted from actual time of arrival of flight (ATA), or part thereof or Rs. 30/- whichever is higher
1.2.4	11-20 Days	Rs. 3.00 Per Kg Per day counted from actual time of arrival of flight (ATA), or part thereof or Rs. 30/- whichever is higher
1.2.5	21-30 Days	Rs. 4.50 Per Kg Per Day counted from actual time of arrival (ATA)
1.2.6	From 31 <sup>st</sup> Day onwards	Rs. 6.00 Per Kg Per Day counted from actual time of arrival (ATA)
<b>2.</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS</b>	
2.1	Facilitation Fees	Rs. 20.00 Per Kg

**B. Maximum Rates to be paid by Airlines for International Express Courier Cargo.**

Sl. No.	LIST OF CHARGES	UNIT	RATE IN INR (FY 2024-25)
<b>1.</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS</b>		
1.1	Express Courier Cargo		
1.1.1	Palletisation/ Containerisation	Rs. Per Kg	4.73
1.1.2	Bulk Cargo	Rs. Per Kg	2.89
<b>2</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS</b>		
2.1	Express Courier Cargo		
2.1.1	Palletisation/ Containerisation	Rs. Per Kg	4.73
2.1.2	Bulk Cargo	Rs. Per Kg	2.89
<b>3</b>	<b>X-RAY SCREENING OF EXPORTS</b>		
3.1	Screening charges with Certificate	Rs. Per Kg	2.21
3.2	Subject to minimum of	Rs. Per Consignment	105

**NOTES:**

- Tariff indicated above is the maximum charges that could be levied to the Users. No other Charge(s) is to be levied over and above the approved Tariff.
- All charges mentioned above exclude taxes, which will be charged extra at the prevailing rates.

