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Subject: Unauthorized Levy of Charges for NSOP/Charter Operator/General Aviation Flights, in violation of provisions of AERA Act, 2008-Reg:

In exercise of the powers conferred vide section 15 of the AERA Act, 2008, the AERA has been issuing Public Notices from time to time for information, reference guidance and compliance of all the Stakeholders for ensuring regulatory clarity in respect of determination and imposition of charges for aeronautical services in order to facilitate an efficient and smooth conduct of airport operations.

2. Public Notice no. 19/2023-24 dated 07.11.2023 has already been issued by AERA, wherein it has been explicitly promulgated that mandating the-availing of non-aeronautical services as a pre-requisite for providing aeronautical services by the Airport Operator shall be treated as direct violation of provisions of AERA Act, 2008.

3. Off-late, it has come to the notice of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) that certain Airport Operators at Major Airports are levying charges under the category of “**Elite Meet and Greet**” services, described as **Airport Special Tariff**, on NSOP/General Aviation (GA) flights operating through GA routes irrespective of the terminal usage at the airport.

4. These services are, by nature, optional and non-essential. However, imposing them as a pre-condition for processing GA movements, constitutes an unauthorized and unethical modification of aeronautical charges without due regulatory approval and is in contravention of the AERA Public Notice no. 19/2023-24 dated 07.11.2023 referred above.

5. AERA takes serious note of such practices, which are in contravention of the provisions of the AERA Act, 2008. The imposition of any charge not approved or determined by AERA is unlawful and undermines the principles of transparency, fairness, and regulatory oversight in airport tariff governance.

6. Accordingly, all airport operators are hereby cautioned to immediately discontinue the levy of such unauthorized charges as a pre-requisite for providing aeronautical services. Any violation or continuation of such practices is liable for initiating punitive actions as deemed fit against such Airport Operators/ Service Providers in accordance to Section 38 and 40 of the AERA Act, 2008.

7. This notice is being issued in the public interest to ensure compliance with the statutory framework governing airport tariff regulation.


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