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Application of the Zoning Regulations of 1975 to Ratmalana Airport

I am sending herewith the direction given to you under section 4 (h) of the Civil Aviation Act NO.14 of 2010 by the Hon. Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation on "Application of the Zoning Regulations of 1975 to Ratmalana Airport" for you intervention and necessary action please.


R M S P Rathnayake
Additional Secretary (Aviation)
For Secretary

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Application of the Zoning Regulations of 1975 to Ratmalana Airport

Direction given to the Director General of Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka under Section 4 (h) of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010

Whereas the Zoning Regulations of 1975 has been applied to Ratmalana Airport for control of obstacles located in and around the airport for preservation of airspace to ensure safe operation of aircraft;

Whereas there are number of buildings and structures situated in and around Ratmalana Airport, infringing the height requirements stipulated in the Zoning Regulations and they cannot be removed without paying compensation;

Whereas Ratmalana airport cannot be developed to accommodate modern large size commercial jet aircraft due to space constraints in and around the airport, particularly in the extended centre line of the runway on the 22 approach;

Recognizing the value, need and importance of maintaining the current use of runway to promote it as a city airport for commercial business jet operations, which would be an essential ingredient for civil aviation development;

Noting the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Management (CEM) Ref.21/06/2017/03 of 23rd June 2017 for revising the Zoning Regulations to suit the current use of Ratmalana Airport so as to ensure that the restrictions placed by the Regulations on the neighborhood land would not be excessive, in view of the development requirements of the city; and,

Noting the northern circuit area of Ratmalana airport is located over more urbanized and populous area, where aircraft should be discouraged to fly over at lower altitudes for safety and environmental concerns of the people and, that the northern circuit area is less used for air traffic purposes due to predominant direction of South Westerly wind;

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I being the Minister in charge of the subject of Civil Aviation do hereby, in terms of the powers vested in me under Section 4 (h) of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, direct the Director General of Civil Aviation that the exemptions may be given in respect of height restrictions imposed under the Zoning Regulations for applications for building constructions in and around the Ratmalana Airport, if the following requirements are satisfied.

1. The site of the proposed construction is not located in the Airstrip, Take-off/Approach Area or Transitional Area;
2. The proposed site is situated in the northern side of the runway;
3. The distance to the proposed site is more than 2.5 km from the center of runway;
4. The height of the proposed construction is not more than 150 meters;
5. The site situated within 200 meters of the coast;
6. The proposed construction is for development of infrastructure required for projects of high economic value;
7. The proposed constructions are contiguous or shield by another construction within 200 meters;
8. The airspace will not be blocked sporadically;
9. Obstruction lights will be displayed in the structure shall be operational also during daytime under low visibility conditions;
10. A fee of Rs.1,000,000 is charged for blocking the airspace permanently;
11. Approval of the Secretary to the line Ministry shall be obtained prior to granting approval

21... September 2017



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