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Whereas mutual agreement has previously been made providing for the joint operation of Keflavik Airport by Icelandic authorities as pertains to civilian use and by United States authorities as pertains to military use, and

Whereas reasonable measures for proper control and security within the international area of the airport are required:

Now therefore, the following provisions are mutually agreed upon as the Security Regulations which shall apply within the international area at Keflavik Airport shown on accompanying map designated as Attachment 1:

SECURITY REGULATIONS FOR THE AGREED AREAS

With the exception of the established international areas, the following rules shall apply within the agreed areas hereinafter referred to as the "Area."

Article 1

The area shall be marked as clearly as possible in order to prevent people from entering upon it by mistake.

Article 2

All traffic into or from the area shall be routed by the main road east of the Hotel Terminal unless otherwise permitted by the military authorities or in the present rules. Those who enter or leave the area shall stop at the Guard House on the main road at the entrance to the area and explain their movements.

Article 3

The military authorities may prohibit all such movements as they consider undesirable into and within the area. They may order undesirable parties from the area and prevent their entrance upon it. The following persons and their vehicles must however, not be prevented from entering the area or remaining therein.

- a. Icelandic subjects who live within the area shall always pass freely to and from their homes.
- b. Guests who wish to visit Icelandic subjects who live within the area shall pass freely to and from such homes when properly identified.

- c. The employees of the Icelandic Civil Aviation and Meteorological Administrations employed within the agreed area shall pass freely to all places within the area where they perform their work.
- d. Icelandic law enforcement officers in uniform or properly identified shall be permitted to enter the area at any point in the performance of their duties.

Article 4

The employees of the Icelandic Civil Aviation Administration, Meteorological Administration, Icelandic law enforcement officers and Icelandic subjects living within the area or in the performance of their official duties shall always carry a special certificate issued jointly by the military authorities and the Icelandic authorities proving their permission to enter the area. These certificates shall be shown whenever requested by the military authorities. However, the military authorities shall not ordinarily so request but shall accept the appropriate uniforms as sufficient evidence for the proper permission unless they have special reasons to doubt that the uniform in question is legally acquired.

Article 5

The military police exercises law enforcement in the area and sees to it that Icelandic rules are not violated therein. Violations of Icelandic law shall be reported to the Icelandic police and Icelandic subjects which have been arrested shall be immediately handed over to the Icelandic police. In its dealings with Icelandic subjects the military police shall act in conformity with Icelandic law.

The Icelandic police may to the extent necessary, exercise its law enforcement duties in accordance with Icelandic law. This authority will be primarily used to prevent smuggling from the area, illegal entrance into and departure from the area and illegal traffic in goods, the investigation of judicial cases and in order to investigate special requests for assistance.

The Icelandic Police and the military Police will effect close cooperation in enforcement of the provisions of this article.

Article 6

All places within the area which the military authorities consider to be of special military significance shall be closed to all traffic as determined by the military authorities. No person will be allowed to enter other portions of the area. The Icelandic authorities shall show the utmost cooperation in connection with the determination of such places.

The places referred to shall be designated "Restricted Areas" and shall be clearly marked and entered upon appropriate maps. Persons working in Restricted Areas will have a permanent pass authorizing entry, persons having business of a temporary nature in Restricted Areas shall apply to the Air Police Headquarters for a pass. Guards at Restricted Areas are not authorized to grant passes nor to permit entry into such areas without proper passes.

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Whereas reasonable measures for proper control and security outside the international area of Keflavik Airport but within the agreed area are required:

Now therefore, the following provisions are mutually agreed upon as the Security Regulations which shall apply outside the international area but within the agreed area, thereafter referred to as the "Area,"

SECURITY REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
AREA AT THE KEFLAVIK AIRPORT

The international area at Keflavik Airport is shown below (map):

The following rules shall apply within the international area at Keflavik Airport:

1. Persons to be admitted to the area:
 - a. All those who work at the Airport or live there.
 - b. Passengers travelling by planes leaving from the Airport.
 - c. Persons whose admittance is requested by the appropriate Icelandic authorities or U.S. Military authorities.
 - d. Persons who have another lawful reason to go to the Airport.
2. Identification:
 - a. All persons who work at the Airport or live there shall be provided with passes issued by the military authorities for their employees or by the appropriate authorities of Icelandic Government employees and approved by the military authorities.
 - b. Airline passengers shall be in possession of valid tickets.
 - c. Other persons shall have passes issued jointly by the Icelandic authorities and the military authorities.

3. Law enforcement:

- a. The Icelandic police exercises its authority in accordance with Icelandic law.
- b. The military police may exercise its authority in accordance with the terms of the Defense Agreement. If Icelandic subjects are arrested they shall be handed over to the Icelandic police.
- c. The military authorities shall have priority in searching American persons and vehicles. The Icelandic authorities shall have priority in searching Icelandic persons and vehicles.

The military authorities shall have priority in seizing articles carried by American persons and vehicles leaving the Airport.

- d. Police and law enforcement agents and vehicles are subject to search by their own agencies.
- e. Special laissez-passer certificates may be issued jointly by the Icelandic and the military authorities.

4. Removal of goods from the Airport:

No goods may be removed from the Airport except in accordance with the provisions of the Defense Agreement.

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