

# AIR SERVICE FACILITIES AT DON MUANG AIRPORT AND BANGKAPI

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## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SIAM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government of Siam, in consideration of the transfer to the Government of Siam by the Government of the United States of America of certain air navigation, air communication and weather facilities situated at Don Muang Airport in the District of Bangkok and also at Bangkokapi in Siam (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 Don Muang 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<sup>1</sup> unless and until those standards are changed by any other international agreement to which the Government of Siam 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

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<sup>1</sup> See interim agreement opened for signature at Chicago Dec. 7, 1944 (EAS 469), *ante*, vol. 3, p. 929.

by international agreement to which the Government of the United States is a party concerning civil and military meteorological requirements.

IV. To continue the operation of all types of facilities at their original locations or on new locations mutually agreed by the Government of Siam 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 Siam 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 transmissions 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 coordination 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 Siam 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 of the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the United States to designate a technical officer to advise and assist the agency designated by the Government of Siam 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.

IX. (a) To furnish in sufficient number suitable personnel to be trained to operate and maintain all facilities transferred under this sale.

(b) To negotiate a supplemental agreement to be entered into by the agency of the Siamese Government which will eventually take over the operation of the facilities and the agency of the United States Government, or its representative, which undertakes the training and interim operation and

maintenance of the facilities free of any charges or emolument, pending transfer of full operating responsibility to the agency of the Siamese Government. The supplemental agreement will define the responsibility, authority, and relations between the above mentioned agencies and their representatives during the period the United States agency remains in charge of the operation, maintenance, and training.

X. The United States Government, through either the Army, Navy, CAA or private agency agrees:

(a) To include in the sale of the basic installations, wherever Theater surplus stocks permit, one year's supply of maintenance parts and expendable supplies.

(b) To do everything possible to assist the Government of Siam or its representative in purchasing, through regular commercial channels, maintenance parts and expendable supplies for the operation of the facilities.

(c) To operate and maintain the facilities until such time when the Air Attache to the United States Embassy, Bangkok, is assured the Government of Siam is prepared to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the facilities as hereinabove provided.

(d) To train the personnel selected by the Government of Siam pursuant to paragraph IX above, as long as an agency of the United States operates and maintains the facilities in accordance with paragraph (c) above.

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

SIGNED in Bangkok, Siam, this eighth day of May nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

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