

MINISTERIAL DECISION CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING
AND EXAMINING DOCUMENTS

The Minister of Defense and Aviation,
After having reviewed Article 5 of Decree No. 17/2/22/3481 dated
24/9/1372, regarding air navigation, and,

since the condition calls for the establishment of instructions which
regulate the procedures of carrying out inspection and the examina-
tion of documents stated in the above-mentioned article, has decided:

Article 1: Every civil aircraft entering the territory of the Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia where its flight ends will be inspected and its docu-
ments examined in the first airport it lands at, where customs author-
ity is available, for the coming aircraft, and at the last airport it will
depart from, where customs authority is available, for the outgoing
aircraft.

Article 2: Inspection and documents examination of an incoming
aircraft will be made after its passengers have disembarked and its
cargo off loaded. Outgoing aircraft will be inspected and its docu-
ments examined before the passengers have embarked and the cargo
has been loaded.

Article 3: Inspection must be made properly in the least period of
time possible and should not result in any unreasonable delay.

Article 4: Before carrying out the inspection the pilot or whoever is
acting for him must be asked whether or not there is anything on the
aircraft not listed on the shipping documents or materials forbidden to
be carried by aircraft. His answers to these questions should be taken
down in writing.

Article 5: Inspection and document examination should be carried
out by officials who are delegated to do it in the presence of a represent-
ative of Civil Aviation Department and a representative of the party
to which the aircraft belongs. A report of the inspection and its find-
ing should be written and signed by each one of them.

Article 6: Inspection should include all places and storage areas of
the aircraft. The examination of documents should include all papers,
documents and lists which the aircraft must carry. The purpose of
inspection and documents examination is to observe the application
of the special regulations of air navigation, customs and other local
regulations in effect in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Article 7: Inspection of the passengers, their baggage and the cargo
of the aircraft should be carried out after the passengers have disem-
barked and the cargo has been offloaded at the customs area at the
airport where the aircraft lands and in accordance with customs regu-
lations.

Article 8: Military, governmental and diplomatic aircraft are not
allowed to be inspected unless high orders to this effect are issued and
transmitted through the Ministry of Defense and Aviation.

Article 9: Aircraft in transit and aircraft engaged in international
transport operation—from one point in the Saudi Arabian Kingdom
to another point in it—are not subject to inspection unless there would
be a strong suspicion based on firm proof which necessitates the carry-
ing out of inspection.

Article 10: The Director of Civil Aviation and other Government
bureaus concerned have to execute these instructions and act in accord-
ance with them as of this date.