

such modifications as he may think fit after consultation with such holders of air service licences and other persons as he may consider appropriate:

Provided that, in such cases or classes of cases as may be prescribed, this subsection shall have effect subject to such exceptions or modifications as may be prescribed in relation to the case or class of cases in question.

(6) The Minister may by order made by statutory instrument authorise the grant of an air service licence to any person specified in the order (being a person who provided air transport services before the date of the coming into force of subsection (2) of section one of this Act) in respect of any air transport service so specified for such term and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be so specified in relation to that service; and, without prejudice to their powers under section three of this Act, the Board shall grant that licence forthwith without any application being made therefor:

Provided that the Minister shall not make any order under this subsection after the expiration of the period of three months beginning with the said date.

(7) Except with the consent of the Minister, which may be granted either generally or in respect of a particular case or class of cases, the Board shall not grant an air service licence to any person who is not either—

- (a) a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a citizen of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, a citizen of the State of Singapore or a British protected person; or
- (b) a body incorporated in the United Kingdom or in any part thereof, or in any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, the said Federation, or a colony, protectorate or United Kingdom trust territory, being a body which in the opinion of the Board is substantially controlled by persons each of whom is either a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a citizen of the said Federation, a citizen of the said State or a British protected person.

(8) If, while an air service licence is in force and not later than the prescribed time before the expiry of the term for which it was granted, the holder thereof applies to the Board for the grant of a new air service licence in continuation thereof or in substitution therefor, then, without prejudice to the powers of the Board under section three of this Act, unless the application is withdrawn the first-mentioned licence shall not cease to be in force by reason of the expiry of the said term until the Board have given their determination on the application nor, if the