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# Aircraft and operators based

Regulations applicable to general aviation and  
governing aircraft and aircraft operators for which Aéroport  
International de Genève can be considered as a home airport

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## FOREWORD

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Given the limited capacity of apron, the orderly operation of the airport platform requires special regulations on the increased use of this area for parking aircraft.

To this end, the General Management of Aéroport International de Genève, on the basis of the Federal Aviation Act of 21 December 1948 (LA; RS 748.0), the Ordinance of 23 November 1994 on Aeronautical Infrastructure (OSIA; RS 748.131.1) and the Aéroport International de Genève Operation Regulations of 31 May 2001 (hereinafter referred to as the "Operating Regulations"), hereby adopts the present regulations as part of the legal framework governing the operations of the airport platform.

These regulations substantiate the provisions of the Operating Regulations and, to this extent, supplement the regulations applicable to Geneva airport (LSGG) contained in the AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION PUBLICATION valid for SWITZERLAND (AIP SWITZERLAND).

It defines the criteria to be met for an aircraft or aircraft operator to qualify as based at GENEVA AIRPORT (LSGG), as well as the rights and obligations deriving from this status.

It does not deal with the right of an aircraft operator to operate to and from GENEVA airport (LSGG) in its capacity as an aerodrome open to public traffic, within the limits of the law.

## ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

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- **BASED AIRCRAFT** means an aircraft fulfilling the criteria of these regulations and benefiting from a written decision from Aéroport International de Genève granting it the status of "Based Aircraft" in accordance with Article 4, and allowing GENEVA Airport (LSGG) to be considered as a home airport, subject to available space as determined by Aéroport International de Genève (written confirmation required);
- **AIRCRAFT OPERATOR(S)** means the corporate body or legal entity who exercises effective control over the aircraft(s) and holds the authorizations required for its/their operation, in accordance with the applicable Swiss or foreign law;
- **BASED OPERATOR(S)** means the Operator of aircraft(s) fulfilling the criteria of these regulations and benefiting from a written decision from Aéroport International de Genève granting it the status of "Based Operator" in accordance with Article 4, and allowing GENEVA Airport (LSGG) to be considered as a home airport, subject to available space as determined by Aéroport International de Genève (written confirmation required);
- **FLEET** means all the aircraft operated by an Aircraft Operator(s);
- **"OWNER OF AN AIRCRAFT"** means the corporate body or legal entity who holds the civil rights to the aircraft, within the meaning of the applicable Swiss or foreign law;
- **AIRCRAFT USER** means a corporate body or legal entity who makes regular use of an aircraft of which he is neither the owner nor the operator;
- **MOVEMENT** means the arrival or departure of an aircraft; an arrival and a departure constitute two movements.

## ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

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The present regulation defines the terms and conditions applicable to Aircraft based and Operators based at GENEVA Airport (LSGG).

## ARTICLE 3 – SCOPE OF APPLICATION

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The present regulation applies to aircraft and aircraft operators involved in non-scheduled commercial flights (off-line and off-charter flights), as well as non-commercial flights.

## ARTICLE 4 – CRITERIA

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### Based Aircraft

- 4.1. An aircraft is eligible to be based at GENEVA Airport (LSGG) if it benefits from a dedicated parking space on the airport platform by virtue of an agreement concluded with Aéroport International de Genève or with a third party authorized to provide such parking spaces.
- 4.2. Aircraft that meet the following cumulative requirements is also eligible to be based at GENEVA Airport (LSGG):
  - i. performs at least **104 Movements** per year to or from GENEVA Airport (LSGG);
  - ii. remains parked at least **120 nights** per year on the airport platform;
  - iii. has a maximum wingspan of **28.70 M** and a maximum length of **30.30 M**.

In all cases, the parking capacity set out in Article 5.5 remains reserved.

- 4.3. Only aircraft with the necessary valid certificates and attestations for its operation and whose status complies in all respects with the regulation in force in SWITZERLAND is eligible.

### Based Operator

- 4.4. Is considered as based at GENEVA AIRPORT (LSGG), the Operator of aircraft(s) whose Fleet, taken as a whole, meets the following cumulative requirements:
  - i. performs at least **104 movements** per year departing from or arriving à GENEVA AIRPORT (LSGG) ;
  - ii. remains parked at least **120 nights** per year on the airport platform;
  - iii. is composed of aircrafts with a maximum wingspan of **28.70m** and a maximum length of **30.30m**.

In all cases, the parking capacity set out in Article 5.5 remains reserved.

- 4.5. Only the Fleet made up of aircrafts with necessary valid certificates and attestations for their operation, and whose status complies in all respects with the regulations in force in SWITZERLAND, is eligible.

## ARTICLE 5 – PROCEDURE AND EXAMINATION OF THE REQUEST

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- 5.1. The Aircraft Owner and the Aircraft Operator(s) whose aircraft or Fleet meets the criteria of Article 4 may submit a request to Aéroport International de Genève (Aviation Department) to be granted the status of "Based Aircraft" or, respectively, to be granted the status of "Based Operator".
- 5.2. The request must be made by writing using only the official Aéroport International de Genève forms (available on the [www.gva.ch](http://www.gva.ch) website), accompanied by the required appendices. The request must be specifically justified with regard to each of the conditions mentioned in article 4.
- 5.3. The applicant is responsible for the truthfulness and accuracy of the information and documents provided.
- 5.4. Aéroport International de Genève (i.e. the Aviation Department) will examine the request and decide on its merits by means of a written decision. In doing so, it will assess individual cases, taking into account the purpose of these regulations and the particular circumstances of the case.
- 5.5. Sufficient parking capacity on the airport platform for the type of aircraft concerned, as determined periodically by Aéroport International de Genève, shall be reserved in all cases, taking into account the order of priority established by article 3 paragraph 1 of its Operating Regulations.
- 5.6. If the decision is rejected, an objection may be filed with the General Management of Aéroport International de Genève within 30 days of receipt. At risk of being inadmissible, the objection must be made in writing, bear the signature of the objector and indicate the conclusions, grounds and means of proof.

## ARTICLE 6 – PREROGATIVES

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### Parking

- 6.1. Within the limits of available capacity and subject to extraordinary events, a parking space is made available:
  - a. to the Aircraft Owner for its based Aircraft (art. 4.2. and 4.3) ;
  - b. to the based Operator for its Fleet (art. 4.4 and 4.5).
- 6.2. The based Operator may claim the simultaneous provision of a maximum number of parking spaces (N max) defined on the basis of the movements it has carried out (m) and the total nights spent on the airport platform (n) with its Fleet during the reference year for its request, according to the following calculation, the result of which is rounded down to the nearest unit:
$$N \text{ max} = \frac{m}{104} \times \frac{n}{120}$$
- 6.3. Upon justified request, Aéroport International de Genève (Aviation Department) may exceptionally provide the based Operator with more parking spaces than the maximum number specified in article 6.2.
- 6.4. The owner of a based aircraft and the based operator are not entitled to a dedicated parking space.

6.5. Articles 6.1 to 6.4 do not apply to owners of a based Aircraft having a dedicated parking space pursuant to Article 4.1.

### **Access to the Prior Permission Required (PPR) system**

6.6. Autonomous access to the Prior Permission Required (PPR) system in force at GENEVA airport (LSGG) is granted:

- a. to the Owner of a based Aircraft;
- b. to the based Operator.

6.7. The use of autonomous access to the Prior Permission Required (PPR) system is only authorized for movements relating to the Based Aircraft and those relating to aircraft in the Based Operator's Fleet.

## **ARTICLE 7 – CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES**

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7.1. Each Owner of a based Aircraft and each based Operator shall spontaneously and without delay inform Aéroport International de Genève (Aviation Department) of any circumstance which results in one or more of the eligibility criteria linked to the status of "Based Aircraft" or "Based Operator" no longer being met.

7.2. If necessary, Aéroport International de Genève (Aviation Department) shall take a decision in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.

## **ARTICLE 8 – DURATION AND RENEWAL OF STATUS**

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8.1. The status of "based Aircraft" as well as the status of "based Operator" is granted for a period of 12 months from the decision of Aéroport International de Genève (art. 5.4).

8.2. The owner of a based Aircraft as well as the based Operator who wishes to maintain the status of "Based Aircraft" or its status of "Based Operator" must, at least 60 days before the expiry of its status, send a request to this effect respecting the forms prescribed in Article 5.

8.3. The procedure described in Article 5 applies to a request for renewal.

8.4. In the absence of a request for renewal submitted in the form and within the time limits set out in Article 8.2, the status expires automatically at the end of the 12-month period.

## **ARTICLE 9 – OTHER OBLIGATIONS**

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Each Owner of a based Aircraft, each User of these aircraft as well as each based Operator is obliged to respect, at all times, the rules of air law and the regulations in force on the airport platform, as well as to comply with the decisions and instructions of Aéroport International de Genève, respectively its Head of Aerodrome or his representatives.

## ARTICLE 10 – REVOCATION OF STATUS

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Aéroport International de Genève reserves the right to revoke, by written decision, the status of "Based Aircraft" as well as the status of "Based Operator" upon the occurrence of one of the following alternative hypotheses:

- a. change in circumstances with the effect that at least one of the criteria in Article 4 is no longer met;
- b. absence of valid certificates and attestations required for the operation of the based Aircraft or the Fleet of the based Operator, or, more generally, the aircraft concerned no longer comply with the regulations in force in SWITZERLAND;
- c. insufficient parking capacity on the airport platform for the type of aircraft concerned, as this capacity is periodically assessed by Aéroport International de Genève;
- d. non-payment of airport charges due in respect of the based Aircraft or the activity of the based Operator;
- e. infringement of the rules of aviation law, the regulations in force on the airport platform or the decisions or instructions of Aéroport International de Genève respectively its Head of Aerodrome;
- f. abuse of the Prior Permission Required (PPR) system in force at GENEVA Airport (LSGG) or any other airport facility.

## ARTICLE 11 – NATURE OF THE PRESENT REGULATION

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With regard to the parking of aircraft, the present regulations constitute the prescriptions for the use of GENEVA AIRPORT (LSGG) within the meaning of Article 9 of its Operating Regulations (prescriptions concerning the parking of aircraft), in connection with the prerogatives conferred on it by Article 12 of the same Regulations.

## ARTICLE 12 – ENTRY INTO FORCE AND REPEAL CLAUSE

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12.1. The present regulation come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

12.2. The « based Aircraft » regulation of 15 September 2014 is repealed.

## ARTICLE 13 – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

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The " based Aircraft " status acquired on 31 December 2023 will remain valid until the expiry date stipulated in Aéroport International de Genève's decision.

## ARTICLE 14 – VALIDITY

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The present regulation remains valid until amended or revoked by Aéroport International de Genève.