

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON AIR SERVICES BETWEEN
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

Delegations representing the Governments of the Kingdom of Bhutan and the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to as “Bhutan” and “Singapore” respectively, or the “Contracting Parties” collectively) met in Thimphu, Bhutan for air services consultations on 29 August 2011.

2 The consultations were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. The delegation lists are attached at Appendix I.

3 The Contracting Parties have reached the following understanding:

(I) THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

4 The Contracting Parties have discussed and agreed on the initialed text of an Air Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the ASA”), attached at Appendix II.

(II) DESIGNATION OF AIRLINES

5 In accordance with Article 3 (Designation and Authorisation) of the ASA:

(a) Jetstar Asia Airways Pte Ltd, Jett8 Airlines Pte Ltd, SilkAir (Singapore) Private Limited, Singapore Airlines Limited, Singapore Airlines Cargo Pte Ltd, Tiger Airways Singapore Pte Ltd and Valuair Limited shall be the designated airlines of Singapore; and

(b) Druk Air Corporation Ltd and Tashi Air Pte Ltd shall be the designated airlines of Bhutan.



(III) TRAFFIC RIGHTS AND FREQUENCIES

6 The designated airlines of the Contracting Parties shall be entitled to exercise full 3rd, 4th and 5th freedom traffic rights on the routes specified in the Route Schedule (Annex of the ASA) with no restrictions on capacity and aircraft type for passenger, combination and/or all-cargo services.

(IV) NON-SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

7 The aeronautical authorities of each Contracting Party shall give due consideration to any requests, by the airlines of the other Contracting Party, for non-scheduled (charter) international air transportation, which may include routings via a third country to the territories of the Contracting Parties or beyond the territories of the Contracting Parties to a third country, or between the territories of the Contracting Parties and a third country.


(V) ENTRY INTO FORCE

8 The Contracting Parties shall implement the provisions of the ASA provisionally pending its formal signature and entry into force in accordance with Article 26 (Entry into Force) of the ASA.

9 This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of its signature and shall continue to have effect after the formal entry into force of the ASA.

10 This Memorandum of Understanding shall be treated as confidential by the Contracting Parties although the contents of this Memorandum of Understanding may, as necessary, be disclosed by the Contracting Parties to their respective designated airlines or to any other party as may be required by their national laws.

Done in Thimphu, Bhutan on 29 August 2011, in duplicate.



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Leader of Delegation
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF
BHUTAN



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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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**BHUTAN – SINGAPORE AIR SERVICES CONSULTATIONS
29 AUGUST 2011, THIMPHU, BHUTAN**

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7. Capt. David Young
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9. Mr. Sonam Wangchuk
Manager, Marketing & Planning
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10. Mr. Phuntsho Norbu
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Appendix I

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Department of Revenue and Customs |
| 12. | Mr. Ugyen Tshering | Protocol Officer
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AGREED MINUTES
BETWEEN
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2 The consultations were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere, and achieved several successful outcomes. The agenda for discussions is attached at Annex.

3 In particular, Parties agreed on and initialed the text of an *Air Services Agreement between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of the Republic of Singapore*. This Agreement will be signed by Parties on 31 August 2011, by Dasho Kinley Dorji, Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communications of Bhutan, and Ms Karen Tan, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Kingdom of Bhutan.

4 Parties also signed a *Memorandum of Understanding on Air Services between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of the Republic of Singapore* dated 29 August 2011.

5 Both delegations also had fruitful discussions of other aspects of air services between the Parties. In particular, the meeting noted the support provided by Changi Airport Group (CAG) Pte Ltd to all new airlines to Singapore, including Druk Air and Tashi Air as and when they commence services to Singapore.

Signed in Thimphu, Bhutan on 29 August 2011.

For the delegation of Bhutan

For the delegation of Singapore


PHALA DORJI


MARGARET TAN

**Bilateral meeting on Air Services between the Government of the
Republic of Singapore and the Royal Government of Bhutan,
29-30 August, 2011: Thimphu**

Agenda:

1. Welcome statement by Director General, Department of Civil Aviation, Bhutan (Leader of Delegation)
2. Statement by the Director (Air Transport/ Policy & Planning), Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (Leader of Delegation).
3. Discussions:
 - (i) Discussion on the draft Air Services Agreement (ASA) between the two Contracting States.
 - (ii) Discussions on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding
 - a) Item 5 of the MoU - Airline Designation
 - b) Confidentiality of MoU
 - c) Route Schedule for the Designated Airline(s) - origin and destination, mid-points and points beyond
 - d) Notes of Route Schedule in Annex to ASA- para (1)
4. Request for 5th freedom traffic right for the designated airline of Bhutan on the following points:
 - (i) PBH-DAC-SIN & V.V
 - (ii) PBH-CCU-SIN & V.V
5. Request for concessions on aeronautical charges
6. Any other matter

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