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**Legal Regime on Ground Handling Operations**

Ground handling is a vital component of airport management as it insures adequate efficiency, safety, and comfort for flight-related operations.

Ground handling has been exclusively provided at President Nicolau Lobato International Airport in Dili as handling of passengers, baggage and fuel by air operators themselves and by some entities providing appropriate ground handling services to those air operators.

The system however lacks regulation because there is no regime as yet for licensing ground handling operations nor has access to such operations been organized.

In view of the foregoing and within the context of the legislative regulatory package for civil aviation been currently developed, this Decree-Law is aimed at establishing a regulatory framework for ground handling operations at any airport in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (RDTL) by defining categories and services, and providing for access to such activities by air operators and ground handlers who meet the legal requirements that shall be put in place henceforth; this legal instrument shall also allocate competences for licensing by the Civil Aviation Authority of Timor-Leste (AACTL) and the National Airport and Air Navigation Authority of Timor-Leste (ANATL).

With this Decree-Law the Government wishes to provide for greater market openness while still leaving to the airport management entity the possibility of also being itself a provider of ground handling services to air operators.

Under the terms of Section 115 (1) (e) and Section 116 (d) of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, the Government enacts the following with the force of law:

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**

**Purpose and scope of enforcement**

1. This Decree-Law shall regulate access to, and the running of, ground handling operations by entities involved in air transport of passengers, cargo or mail.

2. The provisions of this Decree-Law shall apply to any ground handling operations carried out at airfields and airports located within the national territory and open to commercial traffic.

## **Article 2 Definitions**

For the purpose of this Decree-Law:

- a) “Airfield” shall mean any specific area on land or on the sea, including premises, buildings and equipment, wholly or partially designed for embarkation or disembarkation of passengers, cargo and mail, or for surface movement of aircraft, where commercial air transport activities are legally permitted;
- b) “Ground handling” shall mean any service or set of services provided at an airfield to an air operator, as described in Annex I attached to this Decree-Law;
- c) “Self-handling” shall mean the provision by an air operator of a service or services or modalities of ground handling without entering into any kind of contract with a third party for the provision of such services to itself or to other users whose assets are held by the air operator as a majority shareholder;
- d) “Ground handling categories” shall mean each of the categories of services described in Annex I attached to this Decree-Law;
- e) “Ground handling services” shall mean each of the services provided for in the categories described in Annex attached to this Decree-Law;
- f) “Air operator” shall mean a commercial air transport company holding an air operator certificate;
- g) “Ground handling service provider” shall mean a sole-ownership operator or a corporate body providing ground handling services to a third party and holding a license for such operations under the terms of this Decree-Law;
- h) “Management entity” shall mean an entity legally responsible for administering and managing airfield and airports in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

## **CHAPTER II ACCESS TO OPERATIONS**

### **Article 3 Operation licensing**

Provision of ground handling services to a third party and on a self-handled basis shall be subject to licensing by AACTL.

### **Article 4 Requirements**

1. The granting of a license for the provision of ground handling services to a third party shall be dependent upon the cumulative fulfilment of the following requirements:
  - a) To be a trading company legally incorporated and established in Timor-Leste or in another country provided that, in the latter case, it proves that it has permanent business activity and a representative habitually residing in the national territory, under the terms of Law nr. 4/2004 of 21 April, or to be a public company legally incorporated under the terms of Decree-Law nr. 14/2003 of 24 September;
  - b) Proven eligibility, technical expertise, equipment and financial capacity to operate;
  - c) Production of insurance policies for civil liability and work-related accidents.
  
2. The granting of a license for the provision of self-handled ground services shall be dependent upon the cumulative fulfilment of the following requirements:
  - a) To be an air operator holding a certificate for air operations or an authorization by RDTL to carry out air transport operations at a specific airfield pursuant to a bilateral agreement or an international legal reciprocity arrangement;
  - b) Proven eligibility, technical expertise, equipment and financial capacity to operate;
  - c) Production of insurance policies for civil liability and work-related accidents.

#### **Article 5 Eligibility**

For the purpose of Article 4 of this Decree-Law the following entities shall be considered as eligible:

- a) Airfield-managing entities that have been legally authorized to operate;
- b) Trading companies able to prove that they have no debts of any kind with the State and whose officials are not in any of the following situations:
  - i. Legally banned to do business;
  - ii. Declared bankrupt or insolvent;
  - iii. Finally sentenced to imprisonment for an offence.

#### **Article 6 Technical expertise**

1. For the purpose of Article 4 of this Decree-Law, technical expertise shall be assessed on the basis of the following:

- a) Adequate organization and necessary know how for the management of the operations concerned upon the issuance of a license to access such operations;
  - b) Availability and adequacy of human resources, materials, training facilities and organization upon the issuance of a license, and during actual operations, for the use of airport public domains.
2. Requirements for licensing related to technical expertise for each category of ground handling services are stipulated in Annex II attached to this Decree-Law, of which it is an integral part.
  3. For the purpose of paragraph 2 above, the minister responsible for the civil aviation sector may establish, by ministerial decree, technical expertise requirements specific to each of the ground-handling services and modalities referred to in Article 2, which shall have to be met upon commencement of, and during, operations.
  4. At airfields not open to international traffic, AACTL may dispense with some of the requirements provided for in this article, in accordance with specific characteristics and nature of traffic to be handled.

**Article 7**  
**Financial capacity**

1. For the purpose of Article 4 of this Decree-Law, financial capacity shall be assessed by proving that the applying entity is capable of:
  - a) Fulfilling at all times actual and potential obligations for a period of 24 months;
  - b) Covering fixed and operational costs for a period of three months from the beginning of the operations, without taking into consideration any income generated by such operations.
2. The minister responsible for the civil aviation sector may establish, by ministerial decree, specific requirements for selected ground-handling services or modalities.

**Article 8**  
**Insurance**

1. Ground handling service providers and self-handlers of such services shall be civilly liable for human injuries and material damages sustained by service-users or a third party.
2. Ground handling service providers and self-handlers of such services shall hold insurance policies for civil liability and work-related accidents.
3. The taking-out of insurance policies referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be mandatory before commencement of operations.

4. The minimum coverage amounts related to specific ground-handling services or modalities shall be established by a ministerial decree from the minister responsible for the civil aviation sector.
5. The establishment of the minimum amounts referred to in paragraph 4 above shall not rule out a requirement for other types of insurance or higher coverage amounts that may be established upon licensing the use of airport public domains.

## **CHAPTER III PROCESS**

### **SECTION I CATEGORIES**

#### **Article 9 Categories of ground handling services**

1. Ground handling services provided to a third or on a self-handled basis shall comprise the following categories:
  - a) Category A: Ground handling of aircraft and passengers;
  - b) Category B: Ground handling of cargo and mail;
  - c) Category C: Ground handling of fuel and lubricants;
  - d) Category D: Ground handling of catering.
2. Services included in each of the categories are provided for in Annex I attached to this Decree-Law, of which it is an integral part.

### **SECTION II FORMALITIES**

#### **Section 10 Requirements**

1. Licensing for the provision of ground handling services to a third party or on a self-handled basis shall be applied for to AACTL and the application shall contain the following:
  - a) Particulars of the applicant, including information on his or her address and main office or his or her representative's;
  - b) Information on the ground handling services or modalities to be provided to third parties, with a reference to the categories listed in Annex I;
  - c) Information on the airfields where the applicant is planning to provide the services.

2. An application shall be accompanied by:
  - a) A transcript of the company incorporation deed, which shall include the company's articles of association and any amendments thereto or, in the case of a public company, the legal instrument establishing the company and its articles of association;
  - b) A transcript containing the particulars of officials in decision-making bodies and information on how the trading company or public company is accountable;
  - c) A transcript of criminal records of officials in decision-making bodies proving that none is in any of the situations provided for in Article 5 (b);
  - d) A document proving the applicant's experience in the operations to be licensed;
  - e) Contracts for insurance policies;
  - f) Information proving the applicant's technical expertise and financial capacity, including organizational charts and job descriptions for internal organs, particulars of managers and their CVs, as well as a description of the organization's assets, as provided for in Annex II attached to this Decree-Law.
3. AACTL may ask an applicant to submit missing information for the processing of an application or request further clarifications on submitted documents.
4. Submission of documents that for any other reason have already been submitted by an applicant to the Civil Aviation Directorate and are still valid shall be dispensed with.
5. Applications provided for in this article shall be made in Tetum or Portuguese.
6. Documents for the processing of an application shall be submitted in their original form or certified copy, accompanied by a faithful translation in Tetum, Portuguese or English.

## **Article 11**

### **Licensing process**

1. AACTL shall prepare an administrative licensing process for each applicant.
2. An application for the licensing of access to ground handling operations shall be decided upon within two months from the date of submission of the full application.
3. Refusal to grant a license shall always be substantiated and it may be appealed against with the minister responsible for the civil aviation sector.
4. The following shall be grounds for refusing a license:
  - a) Failure to meet any of the requirements for the operation concerned;
  - b) Market limitations at airfields or airports for which a license is being requested;
  - c) Failure to submit all required documents within one month from the date a notification was served on the applicant under the terms of Article 10(3).

5. The granting of a license for access to operations may be dependent upon the fulfilment of additional conditions required by the activity concerned, as established by AACTL.
6. A licence shall indicate the particulars of its holder, the authorized categories and services, the airfield or airport for which it has been granted, and any additional requirements, as provided for in paragraph 5 above.

**Article 12**  
**Non-transmissibility**

Licenses granted under this Chapter shall not be transmissible to third parties.

**Article 13**  
**Validity and lifespan of a license**

1. Licences referred to in this Chapter shall be valid for a period of three years, and they may be renewed for one year by AACTL.
2. A license for access to operations shall expire one year after issuance if its holder has not, within such period, secured the necessary licenses for access to market or use of public domains from ANATL.
3. The validity of a license shall always depend upon certification of actual compliance with requirements provided for in Articles 4 to 8 of this Decree-Law.

**Article 14**  
**Amendments to a license**

1. Any holder of a license for access to ground handling operations may apply for amendments to licensed services or modalities.
2. An application for amendments shall be prepared on the basis of relevant information referred to in Article 10 and processed in accordance with Article 11.
3. Modifications approved by AACTL under the terms of this article shall be incorporated into the valid license and shall be effective for the duration of its lifespan or until it is due for renewal.

**Article 15**  
**Suspension and cancellation of a license**

1. A license can be suspended as a result of enforcing penalties provided for in Chapter IV.
2. A license shall be cancelled by AACTL whenever:
  - a) It is found that the requirements that supported its granting are not being complied with;

- b) Its holder has been legally banned from carrying out the authorized activity;
  - c) It is found that activities have been discontinued for more than three months in a row or alternately;
  - d) Requested by the respective holder.
3. Suspension and cancellation of a license shall be notified by AACTL to ANATL and shall determine suspension and cancellation of licenses for the use of airport public domains that may have been issued.

## **Article 16**

### **Fees**

1. Fees shall be due for processing, licensing, issuing, amending or cancelling a license as referred to in this Chapter and such fees shall be established by AACTL.
2. Fees referred to in paragraph 1 above shall accrue to AACTL's own revenue.
3. Fees shall also be due for operating any ground handling modality or service at airports and airfields managed by ANATL.
4. Fees referred to in paragraph 3 above shall accrue to ANATL's own revenue, and related amounts and mode of payment and collection shall be established in a separate legal instrument.
5. The schedule of amounts for fees to be levied under the terms this article shall be dealt with by a joint decree from the Minister of Planning and Finance and the Minister of Transport and Communications.

## **Article 17**

### **Separation of accounts for activities**

1. Holders of licenses for services provided to third parties or on a self-handled basis shall ensure strict separation of accounts between operations linked to ground handling and their other activities.
2. Separation of accounts shall be subject to verification by AACTL, either directly or through an independent auditor, to also certify that there is no financial flow between the activities of the managing entity, in such a capacity, and its activity as a ground handler, should it be the case.

## **Article 18**

### **Rules of conduct**

1. Providers of ground handling services to third parties shall commit themselves to ensure that services for which they have been granted a license are not discontinued for the duration of their license's validity.
2. Providers of ground handling services and operators of such services on a self-handled basis shall also be subject to rules of conduct, regulations and circulars as

may be issued by AACTL within the context of its airport managing activities with a view to ensuring smooth operation of airfields and airports under its authority.

3. The rules of conduct referred to above shall also be adhered to by ANATL and its employees, on pain of immediate cancellation of a license for access to ground handling operations by AACTL.

### **Article 19**

#### **Reporting obligations**

1. A holder of a license shall annually submit the following information and documents to AACTL:
  - a) Financial statements for the previous year;
  - b) Statistical data on its operations.
2. A holder of a license shall notify AACTL within two months of any fact occurring after the license has been issued and determining a change in its conditions or requirements.
3. Holders of licenses and management entities shall provide AACTL with information and documents it may request with a view to verifying licensing requirements and exercising its verification functions as provided for in this Decree-Law.
4. ANATL shall notify AACTL within one month of licenses it has issued for the use of airport public domains in connection with ground handling services, as well as any fact occurring subsequently and that may affect a license's validity.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **ACCESS TO MARKET**

#### **Article 20**

##### **Licenses for access to market**

1. The carrying-out of any ground handling operations at airfields and airports in RDTL shall require licensing by ANATL, subject to application by entities already licensed for such operations by AACTL under the terms of Chapter III.
2. Validity time of licenses for access to market issued by ANATL shall coincide with validity time of licenses for access to operations issued by AACTL.

#### **Article 21**

##### **Providers of ground handling services to third parties**

Except for provisions of Article 22, each airport or airfield open to international commercial traffic shall have at least two operators or providers licensed under the terms of this Decree-Law for each of the categories of ground handling services for third parties.

**Article 22**  
**Self-handling**

Except for provisions of Article 22, air operators are free to have ground services on a self-handled basis at any airfield or airport in RDTL in connection with one or more ground handling services or modalities.

**Article 23**  
**Derogations**

1. Where there are specific space limitations or unavailability of capability at an airfield or airport, making access to ground handling service market or of such services on a self-handled basis impossible, ANATL may make the following recommendations to AACTL with binding effects:
  - a) To reserve to one single operator the categories of cargo and mail handling, catering and maintenance;
  - b) To reserve to a limited number of operators the provision of ground services on a self-handled basis.
2. Proposals from ANATL prepared under the terms of this article shall be substantiated on the basis of specific space limitations or volume of available traffic for each of the services to be limited, as well as safety and facilitation reasons, accompanied by a plan for adequate measures designed to overcome such space limitations.
3. If AACTL does not approve the grounds submitted by ANATL to limit access to market as provided for in paragraph 1 of this article, it shall be incumbent upon the minister responsible for the civil aviation sector to make a decision following consultations with both entities.
4. Derogations granted by AACTL pursuant to this article shall be effective for three years, extendable for a further two years.

**Article 24**  
**Public service obligations**

The minister responsible for the civil aviation sector may, after consultations with ANATL, determine the imposition of public service obligations for ground handling at any airfield or airport in RDTL as long as the respective market does not prove to have any commercial interest and such obligations are essential for the development of the region in which ground handling infrastructure is to be established.

**Article 25**  
**Selection of providers**

1. In case of a limited number of providers or operators on a self-handled basis as referred to in Article 22, selection of providers may be carried out by a public invitation to tender, which shall be published in the Gazette of the Republic and in two national newspapers.
2. The terms of reference for the tender shall contain relevant, objective and non-discriminatory selection criteria.
3. Selection criteria shall be prepared by ANATL and endorsed by AACTL.
4. Except for provisions of paragraph 3 above, final selection shall be carried out by ANATL.
5. Selection shall be carried out by AACTL in case of ground handling services for which ANATL itself, or any other entity in which ANATL has stakes or controlling shareholding, either directly or indirectly, is a service provider that may compete with the services being selected.
6. Providers shall be selected for no less than three years and no more than five years.

**Article 26**  
**ANATL obligations**

1. It shall be incumbent upon ANATL to promote the existence of ground handling services that are essential for the functioning and operations of airfields and airports managed by ANATL.
2. A managing entity, as well as any entity controlling directly or indirectly such managing entity or being controlled by it, may provide ground handling services to third parties, except if it is in competition with a provider or providers that have already been selected by ANATL pursuant to Article 25(5).
3. To carry out ground handling operations, entities referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be subject to application and licensing processes as provided for in Chapter II.
4. For the purpose of paragraph 2 above, ANATL shall be exempt, and may exempt other entities mentioned therein, from the selection process provided for in Article 25.

**Article 27**  
**Access to premises**

Granting access to premises and allocation of spaces to authorized ground-handling service providers and operators working on a self-handled basis shall rest with ANATL, which shall ensure adherence to rules for the use of airport public domains.

**CHAPTER V**  
**VERIFICATION AND PENALTIES**

**Article 28**  
**Competences**

1. It shall be incumbent upon AACTL to verify compliance with the provisions of this Decree-law.
2. ANATL shall report to AACTL all facts or actions it may detect and that may constitute an offence provided for in this Decree-Law and shall provide the latter with the collaboration as may be requested for the exercise of its respective verification competences.
3. The provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall not affect verification competences that the law has given AACTL and ANATL.

**Article 29**  
**Offences**

1. The following shall be considered as offences:
  - a) Provision of ground handling services to a third party by an entity not licensed for such a purpose;
  - b) Provision of ground services on a self-handled basis by an operator not licensed for such a purpose;
  - c) Provision of ground handling services to a third party by a provider not selected to provide such services;
  - d) Provision of ground services on a self-handled basis in contravention of market access limitations;
  - e) Misrepresentation of facts during the licensing process;
  - f) Non-authorized interruption of services by a licensed provider;
  - g) Non-compliance with public service obligations imposed to a provider under the terms of this Decree-Law;
  - h) Provision of ground handling services or operation of such services on a self-handled basis by a provider or operator without valid mandatory insurance;
  - i) Unlawful combination of ground handling operations with airport management activities, air transport activities or any other activities of a different nature;
  - j) Failure to enforce separation of accounts;
  - k) Default on payment of legally required fees;
  - l) Default on provision of legally required information;
  - m) Non-compliance by a licensed provider or operator with the rules of conduct established by ANATL.
2. Negligence shall punishable.

**Article 30**  
**Fine penalties**

1. Offences provided for in Article 29 (1) (a) to (d) shall carry a fine penalty of US\$ 1,000 to US\$ 2,000.

2. Offences provided for in Article 29 (1) (e) and (f) shall carry a fine penalty of US\$ 1,500 to US\$ 2,500.
3. Offences provided for in Article 29 (1) (g) and (h) shall carry a fine penalty of US\$ 2,000 to US\$ 3,000.
4. Offences provided for in Article 29 (1) (i) and (j) shall carry a fine penalty of US\$ 2,500 to US\$ 3,500.
5. Offences provided for in Article 29 (1) (k) and (m) shall carry a fine penalty of US\$ 3,000 to US\$ 4,000.

**Article 31**  
**Accessory penalties**

An accessory penalty of license suspension shall apply to offences provided for in Article 29 (1) (f), (i) and (j).

**Article 32**  
**Competent authority**

AACTL shall be the competent authority to investigate an offence and enforce related fine penalties and accessory penalties.

**Article 33**  
**Product of fine penalties**

1. Except for provisions of paragraph 2 below, the product of fine penalties shall fully accrue to AACTL's revenue.
2. Ten percent (10%) of the product of fine penalties for offences notified by ANATL under the terms of Article 29 shall accrue to the managing entity's revenue.

**CHAPTER VI**  
**FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 34**  
**Transitional regime**

1. Entities that up to the entry into force of this Decree-Law hold permits of any type to provide ground handling services to third parties or operate such services on a self-handled basis shall apply to AACTL for the issuance of a license pursuant to Chapter III of this Decree-Law within six months from the date of entry into force of this Decree-Law, under pain of automatic expiration of existing permits.
2. Once the required license has been secured under the terms of paragraph 1 above, entities licensed to operate ground handling services shall also apply to ANATL for the issuance of the required license for market access and, where applicable, a license

for the use of public domains within ninety days from the date on which the license for access to operations was issued, under pain of automatic expiration of existing provisional authorizations, contracts or permits.

**Article 35**  
**Revocatory provisions**

Any previous law contradicting the provisions of this Decree-Law is hereby revoked.

**Article 36**  
**Entry into force**

This Decree-Law shall enter into force 90 days after its publication.

Examined and approved by the Council of Ministers on 25 January 2006.

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## **ANNEX I**

### **Categories and associated services**

Categories provided for in Article 9 shall comprise the following ground handling services to be supplied in conjunction or separately.

#### **Category A: Handling of aircraft and passengers**

- a) Supply and operation of facilities necessary for embarkation, disembarkation, forwarding and movement of passengers and crews from an aircraft to an airport terminal and vice-versa;
- b) Assistance to aircraft taking-off and supply of attendant facilities;
- c) Movement of aircraft upon departure and arrival, and supply and operation of attendant facilities;
- d) Arrangement of communications between ground services and an aircraft;
- e) Flight preparation at an airport of departure and post-flight services, including representation services and liaison with local authorities or any other entity, expenses incurred on behalf of the air operator and supply of premises to its representative;
- f) Formalities for embarkation and control of travelling documents;
- g) Baggage handling, especially preparation and checking-in of baggage prior to departure, its loading onto and off an aircraft, movement from an aircraft to an airport terminal and vice-versa, as well as movement to sorting and collection systems;
- h) Inside and outside cleaning of an aircraft, including toilet facilities, water supply, air-conditioning, preparation and on-board disinfection and disinfestation;
- i) Regular pre-flight operations;
- j) Specific operations required by the User;
- k) Supply and management of maintenance materials and spare parts;
- l) Reservation of parking space or hangars for maintenance services.

#### **Category B: Handling of cargo and mail**

- a) Physical handling of cargo and related documents upon arrival and departure for import, export or transit, including customs formalities;
- b) Storage, transport and movement of cargo;
- c) Physical handling of mail and related documents upon arrival and departure;
- d) Storage, transport, and movement of mail;
- e) Loading cargo and mail onto and off an aircraft, including supply and operation of attendant facilities.

#### **Category C: Handling of fuel and lubricants**

- a) Organization and operation of fuel supply and collection facilities, including storage and control over supply quality and quantity;

- b) Supply of lubricants and other liquid ingredients required for aircraft operation.

**Category D: Catering**

- a) Supply, movement, and loading of food and beverages onto and off aircraft;
- b) Storage of food, beverages and accessories required for the preparation of meals;
- c) Liaison with suppliers and administrative management;
- d) Cleaning of accessories, and preparation/supply of necessary materials and food stuff.

## ANNEX II

### Licensing requirements related to technical expertise as provided for in Article 6

1. Requirements for technical expertise for each of the categories shall comprise the following minimum elements:

#### **Category A: Handling of aircraft and passengers**

A licensed entity shall at least have the following:

- a) A Technical Division responsible for assessment of needs (in terms of human resources, materials, equipment and premises), vocational training and dissemination of operational regulations;
- b) An Operational Division responsible for developing, coordinating and controlling all operations related to services included into the category;
- c) A Maintenance Division for ground equipment, which shall be responsible for keeping the operability and reliability levels established for ground equipment;
- d) Equipment necessary for services to be provided, including: vehicles for passengers, crews and handicapped people, vehicles for baggage movement, devices for baggage sorting and verification, container carriers, aircraft tow tractors, aircraft tow bars, mobile passenger stairs, electrical power units, ground air conditioners, loaders, tarmac fire extinguishers, water trucks, toilet trucks, vacuum cleaning equipment, and aircraft external cleaning trucks;
- e) Personnel with adequate training or at least two years' experience in operations related to services included in this category.

#### **Category B: Handling of cargo and mail**

A licensed entity shall at least have the following:

- a) An Operational Division responsible for developing, coordinating and controlling all operations for handling cargo and mail;
- b) Personnel with adequate training in the areas of handling cargo in general, mail, hazardous cargo and cargo collection or at least two years' experience as ramp operators or similar;
- c) Equipment necessary for services to be provided, including: vehicles for movement of cargo and mail, container carriers, pallet loaders, airport loaders, tow tractors, conveyor belts, tarmac fire extinguishers, freezers, scale for cargo collection and container/pallet weighing, ground air conditioners, air start units;
- d) Confined areas for storage of goods, including valuable cargo, and for handling containers and pallets;
- e) Personnel with adequate training or at least two years' experience in operations related to services included in this category.

### **Category C: Handling of fuel and lubricants**

Provision of these services shall only be carried out by entities licensed by the ministry overseeing fuel storage and supply; the licensed entity should therefore be in possession of the licenses required for the provision of such services.

### **Category D: Catering**

Provision of these services shall only be carried out by entities licensed by the ministry overseeing the catering industry; the licensed entity should therefore be in possession of the licenses required for the provision of such services.

Providers of ground handling services and operators of such services on a self-handled basis for categories A and B may also be required by AACTL to submit supporting CVs from officers responsible for the technical and operational services listed above.

Specific training courses for personnel to be assigned to ground handling services may be endorsed by AACTL.

Courses established by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for different services and delivered by an entity recognised by this Association shall be considered as adequate training for the purpose of this Decree-Law.