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**भारतीय विमानपत्तन आर्थिक विनियामक प्राधिकरण**  
**Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India**  
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**आदेश संख्या 08/2023-24**

**Order No. 08/2023-24**

ऐरा भवन/AERA Building  
प्रशासनिक कॉम्पलेक्स /Administrative Complex  
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जारी करने की तारीख/Date of Issue: 31.05.2023

सेवाएँ/ Services : कार्गो हैंडलिंग सेवाएं / Cargo Handling Services  
सेवा प्रदाता / Service Provider : गुवाहाटी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (जी.आई.ए.एल.)  
Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL)  
हवाईअड्डा /Airport : लोकप्रिय गोपीनाथ बोरदोलोई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, गुवाहाटी  
Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport,  
Guwahati  
हवाईअड्डा प्रचालक /  
Airport Operator : गुवाहाटी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (जी.आई.ए.एल.)  
Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL)

विषय: जीआईएएल द्वारा लोकप्रिय गोपीनाथ बोरदोलोई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा, गुवाहाटी में प्रदान की जाने वाली अंतर्देशीय कार्गो हैंडलिंग सेवाओं के लिए वाणिज्यिक प्रचालन की तारीख (सी.ओ.डी.) से 30.09.2023 तक की अवधि के लिए तदर्थ टैरिफ के मामले में/

Sub: In the matter of Ad-hoc Tariff for Domestic Cargo Handling Services to be provided at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati by GIAL for the period from the Commercial Operations Date (COD) up to 30.09.2023.

**1. GIAL Submission:**

1.1 Guwahati International Airport Ltd (GIAL) vide its letter no. GIAL/CO/AERA-IT/2023/2 dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 requested the Authority to approve the Ad-hoc Tariff in respect of their proposed Domestic Cargo Handling Services at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.

1.2 GIAL further submitted that:

(i) They have signed the Concession Agreement with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on





19.01.2021 for Operation, Management and Development of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati for 50 years and assumed the role of Airport Operator of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati. Accordingly, GIAL has commenced its Airport Operations w.e.f. 08.10.2021 (COD). As per clause 19.4 of the Concession Agreement, GIAL is required to provide the Cargo handling facilities/services at the Airport. Pursuant to the above, GIAL is in the process to start its Domestic Cargo Handling Services at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.

(ii) Presently, GIAL is in the process of preparing MYTP for the third control period of 5 years (1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027) and the same will be submitted to the Authority in due course.

(iii) The Airport Operator has requested the Authority to allow it to levy the approved Tariff (FY 2023-24) as applicable to other Cargo concessionaire i.e. M/s AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) providing similar services at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, on ad-hoc basis, for their proposed Domestic Cargo Handling Services at Guwahati airport till the time regular Tariff is determined for the airport operator in respect of its cargo handling services.

## **2. Authority's Examination of the request of GIAL:**

2.1 Upon initial scrutiny of the GIAL's submission, the Authority notes that GIAL is required to provide cargo handling facilities/services at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, as per the clause 19.4 of the Concession Agreement dated 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 entered into between GIAL and the AAI.

2.2 The Authority observes from GIAL's submission that it has appointed third party vendor to provide O&M support for their proposed Domestic Cargo Handling Operations at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati. At this stage, complete details of agreement between the airport operator & the outsourced third-party vendor and its financial implications for the end users are not available. The Authority would analyze this issue in detail while determining the regular Tariff for the Airport Operator, in respect of its Cargo Handling Services at the Guwahati Airport.

2.3 The Airport Operator, vide email dated 10.05.2023 submitted copies of Letter of Award (LoA) no. GIAL/PROC/LOI/22/78 dated 30.03.2023 issued in favour of M/s Bangalore Airport Terminal Services Private Limited (BATS) by the GIAL and BCAS security clearance in favour of BATS, vide BCAS letter no. File No. 15-51/116/2022-LUCKNOW- BCAS-Part(1) (E-217319) dated 31.10.2022, valid for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of issue of security clearance or the period of validity of contract with the Airport Operator, whichever is earlier.

2.4 The Authority notes that M/s BATS has a valid BCAS security clearance to operate as the Regulated Agent (RA) at the airports and has been appointed by GIAL to provide O&M support for the airport operator's cargo operations at the Guwahati airport.

2.5 The Authority, had earlier determined Tariff for the Cargo Handling Services provided by the other Cargo Terminal Operator i.e. AAICLAS at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, vide Order No. 39/2020-21 dated 01/09/2020, for the First Control Period effective from 01.10.2020 and valid up to 31.03.2024.

2.6 The Authority notes that it will take some time for GIAL to submit the MYTP for Cargo



Handling Services pertaining to Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, & completion of regulatory process for the determination of regular Tariff, including issuance of Consultation Paper & Tariff Order.

- 2.7 Therefore, in the interim, the Authority decides to allow GIAL to levy the ad-hoc Tariff for their proposed domestic cargo operations, based on the approved Tariff (for FY 2023-24) as applicable to other Cargo Operator i.e. AAICLAS at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, from the date of commencement of domestic cargo Operations (COD) up to 30.09.2023, or, till the determination of regular Tariff for GIAL in respect of its Cargo Handling Services, whichever is earlier.
- 2.8 GIAL is advised to submit the MYTP well in time, in accordance with AERA Guidelines, 2011, and as per the relevant clauses of the Concession Agreement, for determination of regular Tariff for Cargo Handling Services at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.

### 3. ORDER


- 3.1 Upon careful consideration of the material available on record, the Authority, in the exercise of powers conferred by Section 13(1)(a) of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008, hereby orders that:
- (i) Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL) is allowed to levy and collect the charges for Domestic Cargo Handling Services, on an ad-hoc basis, as per the approved Tariff for the other Cargo Service Provider namely AAICLAS (for FY 2023-24) as per the Authority's Order No. 39/2020-21 dated 01.09.2020, **w.e.f. commencement of domestic cargo operations (COD) up to 30.09.2023** as per **Annexure-I**, or, till the determination of regular Tariff for Cargo Handling Services for the Third Control Period in respect of the Service Provider, whichever is earlier.
  - (ii) This order shall be effective subject to receipt of requisite regulatory approvals from the concerned authorities by the Cargo Terminal Operator before the commencement of its proposed Domestic Cargo Handling Services at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.
  - (iii) Tariff approved, as above, is the maximum Tariff to be charged from the Users of the Cargo Handling Services. No other charge(s) to be levied over and above the approved Tariff.
  - (iv) The Tariff rates approved hereinunder are excluding of applicable taxes, if any.





- (v) The Airport Operator shall submit MYTP in respect of Cargo Handling Services for the Third Control Period well in time as per the provisions of the AERA Guidelines.

By the Order of and in the Name of the Authority

  
(Col Manu Sooden)  
Secretary

To

**Shri Manoj Chanduka, Authorised Signatory,  
Guwahati International Airport Limited,  
Adani Corporate House, Shantigram,  
Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S.G. Highway,  
Khodiyar Ahmedabad- 382421.**

**Copy for information to:**

- 1) Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport New Delhi-110003 for information.

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**AERA approved Ad-hoc Tariff Rates  
for Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL)  
in respect of Domestic Cargo Handling Services  
at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.**

Ad-hoc Tariff is applicable from Commercial Operations date (COD) up to 30.09.2023

**I - Domestic Outbound Cargo Charges leviable on to Shippers/ Consignor(s) etc.**

Sl. No.	Type of Cargo	Rate PerKg. (in ₹)	Minimum Charges (in ₹)
1.	<b>Standard Charges for Processing &amp; Handling at Air Cargo Terminal</b>		
	a) General Cargo	1.19	175.00
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.39	350.00
2.	<b>Demurrage Charges / Storage</b>		
	a) General Cargo	1.19/kg/day	175.00
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.39/kg/day	350.00
3.	Amendment of Airway Bill	₹159 per AWB	
4.	Return Cargo Charges	₹159 per AWB	
5.	Strapping /Re-packing Charges	INR 10.00 per package subject to minimum of INR 20.00 per AWB for the actual services provided by GIAL	

*AVI=Live Animal, PER= Perishable Cargo, VAL= Valuable Cargo, ODC=Odd Dimension Cargo*

**NOTES:**

- a) The free period for outbound domestic cargo shall be 12 hours for examination/processing by the shipper/consignor/authorized representative etc. and 12 hours for Airlines at SHA.
- b) 10% discount in the domestic cargo handling charges will be granted to the shippers/consignors who opt for engaging their own manpower for offloading cargo from their vehicles at Truck Dock and shifting to the examination/storage area before handing over to the airlines concerned, wherever it is applicable.
- c) Consignment of human remains, coffin including unaccompanied baggage of deceased and human eyes will be exempted from the purview of domestic cargo handling & demurrage charges. No XBIS/ETD usage charges will also be leviable on these shipments.
- d) The domestic cargo handling charges are inclusive of forklift charges wherever forklift usage is involved. No separate forklift charges will be levied.
- e) As per the IATA definition, Special cargo consists of cold storage, live animals, hazardous goods & valuable cargo.
- f) Charges will be levied on the 'gross weight' or the 'chargeable weight' of the consignment, whichever is higher. Wherever the 'gross weight' and (or) 'volume weight' is wrongly indicated on the Airway Bill and is found more, charges will be levied on the 'actual gross weight' or 'actual volumetric weight', whichever is higher.
- g) For mis-declaration of weight above 2% and up to 5% of declared weight, penal charges @ double the applicable domestic cargo handling charges and for variation above 5%, the penal charges @ 5 times the applicable domestic cargo handling charges will be leviable on the differential weight, subject to a minimum amount equivalent to the applicable minimum domestic cargo handling charges. No penal charges will be leviable for



- h) All minimum charges shall be rounded off to the nearest Rupee (₹1.00).
- i) All Bills shall be rounded off to the nearest Rupee (₹1.00).
- j) Charges indicated above are the ceiling rates.
- k) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied extra as per applicable rates.

Sl. No.	Type of Cargo	Per Kg. (INR)	Minimum Charges (INR)
1.	<b>Standard Charges for processing &amp; Handling at Air Cargo Terminal</b>		
	a) General Cargo	1.19	175.00
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.39	350.00
2.	<b>Demurrage Charges / Storage</b>		
	a) General Cargo	1.19/kg/day	175.00
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.39/kg/day	350.00

**NOTES:**

- a) The free period for inbound domestic cargo shall be one working day for processing/delivery by the consignee / authorized representative etc.
- b) 10% discount in the domestic cargo handling charges will be granted to the consignee/authorized representative who opts for engaging their own manpower for loading cargo into their vehicles for delivery at designated areas from the airlines concerned, wherever it is applicable.
- c) Consignment of human remains, coffin including unaccompanied baggage of deceased and human eyes will be exempted from the purview of domestic cargo handling & demurrage charges.
- d) The domestic cargo handling charges are inclusive of forklift charges wherever forklift usage is involved. No separate forklift charges will be levied.
- e) Charges will be levied on the 'gross weight' or the 'chargeable weight' of the consignment, whichever is higher. Wherever the 'gross weight' and (or) 'volume weight' is wrongly indicated on the Airway Bill and is found more, charges will be levied on the 'actual gross weight' or 'actual volumetric weight', whichever is higher.
- f) As per the IATA definition, Special cargo consists of cargo stored in cold storage, live animals, valuable & hazardous goods.
- g) Valuable cargo consists of gold, bullion, currency notes, securities, shares, share coupons, travelers' cheques, diamonds (including diamonds for industrial use), diamond jewelry, jewelry & watches made of silver, gold platinum & items valued at US\$ 1000 and above.
- h) All minimum charges shall be rounded off to the nearest Rupee (₹1.00).
- i) All Bills shall be rounded off to the nearest Rupee (₹1.00).
- j) Charges indicated above are the ceiling rates.
- k) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied extra as per applicable rates.





### III- Schedule of Charges Leviable on to the Airlines for Domestic Cargo Handling Services

Activity	Per Kg.(INR)	Minimum per flight (INR)
A) Unloading of incoming cargo loaded on trolleys(Bulk cargo Handling)	1.19	159
B) Loading of outgoing cargo on trolleys(Bulk cargo handling)	1.19	159
C) Loading of Container/ Pallet	2.12	398
D) De-stuffing of container / pallet	2.12	398

#### **NOTES:**

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- All Bills shall be rounded off to the nearest Rupee (₹1.00).
- Charges indicated above are the ceiling rates.
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### IV - Regulated Agent Facilitation (for Domestic Outbound)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Charges (INR)
a)	i) X-ray machine usage charges	INR 1.00 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 150.00 per consignment/ Airway Bill
	ii) Use of ETD for ODC	INR 0.50 per kg subject to a minimum of INR 100.00 per ODC shipment / AWB where physical checks with the help ofETDs are facilitated. However, in random check cases in ETDs by Airlines after scanning through XBIS, no charges are to be levied for the usage of ETDs.
b)	Screening & Certification charges	INR 1.32 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 120.00 per shipment/AWB
	Security Services for escorting of Cargo from Cargo Terminal to Aircraft and vice versa and handing over to the Airlines representative (For both Scheduled Airlines and Non-scheduled Airlines)	INR 0.10 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 1,000.00 per flight (Subject to negotiation based on the type of Aircraft & Load)

#### **NOTES:**

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