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Standing Order No. 27/2005
Enforcement of Immigration Laws

1. FIA is responsible for the enforcement of Immigration laws while handling incoming and outgoing international passengers at FIA Immigration check posts. The Immigration Officer may refuse the entry or exit of following categories: -
 - a) Any person against whom the Federal Government or superior judiciary has passed any restraining orders.
 - b) Any passenger whose travel documents are either not complete or suspected to be forged or such entry or exit is otherwise not in accordance with the legal requirements.

2. It has however been observed that the Immigration officer instead of exercising their powers within the legal framework, offload the bona-fide passengers travelling on Visit, Ziarat/Umra, student or Business visa etc, by using so-called and self assumed "discretionary power" just on presumptive grounds that they might have obtained the visa by misrepresenting the facts or the passengers would get themselves involved in employment abroad or passengers are not having sufficient funds to meet the expenses.

3. It may be pertinent to adhere that the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 does not bar the engagement in job by a citizen of Pakistan, travelling abroad on a visa other than employment visa as would be evident from "proviso" of sub rule (3) of rule 21 of the Emigration Rules, 1979 which is reproduced below:

"Provided that if a citizen of Pakistan proceeds abroad on a Visa other than employment visa and is engaged in a job accruing wages he shall get himself registered with a Pakistani Mission after payment of Registration fee as prescribed under sub-rule (3) of rule 23, the Welfare fund and the insurance premium."

4. When a Foreign Embassy/Consulate in Pakistan after its satisfaction issues a Visit/Umra/Ziarat, Student or Business Visa etc. FIA Immigration Staff has no legal/moral obligation to re-verify the credentials of these Pakistanis. Due to indiscriminate off-loading there was uproar in the Parliament recently and even superior courts also took its serious notice and directed the Director General/FIA to issue appropriate instructions to Immigration Staff not to cause harassment to outgoing Pakistanis on flimsy and unfounded grounds.

5. Henceforth, it has been decided that outgoing International Passengers fulfilling requisite requirements prescribed in TIM/Emigration Ordinance, 1979 or any other law relating to departures from Pakistan, possessing valid Passports, Visas, Air Tickets etc., shall not be offloaded (repeated shall not be offloaded) provided there is no restriction from competent authority on their departure abroad. Similarly, passengers offloaded on genuine and valid grounds like attempting to travel on bogus, forged travel documents etc., shall be referred to concerned Passport Circle immediately alongwith "Istighasa" giving specific/cogent reasons of their offloading. Those reporting at Immigration Counters with incomplete travel documents, will be disallowed to board, shall be apprised of the deficiencies and advised to complete them to facilitate their departure abroad. Detailed reports about all off loadings shall be recorded by Shift In-charge in the relevant registers maintained at Checkposts. This order supersedes all previous orders issued on this subject.