**Annual return of aviation security notices and directions served by the Secretary of State in 2018**

Section 23 of the Aviation Security Act 1982 (“the ASA”) requires the Secretary of State, on or before 31st January of each year, to report to Parliament on the number of notices and directions served or given by him under sections 11, 12, 13, 13A and 14 of the ASA and the number of enforcement notices and detention directions served by authorised persons on aviation entities in the preceding calendar year.

Section 23(2) prescribes the manner in which such information should be reported, breaking down the number of notices or directions served under each section by reference to the type of entity upon which it was served, for example an aircraft operator or aerodrome manager. However, many of the directions served by the Secretary of State under the ASA are done so under a combination of sections, either to individual entities or to all UK directed parties (“directed” for the purposes of aviation security).

As at the end of 2018 there were 691 **UK directed parties** (up from 647 in 2017), of which 50 were UK airports (56 in 2017), 29 UK registered airlines (31 in 2017), 308 foreign registered carriers (246 in 2017), 277 Regulated Agents of air cargo (286 in 2017) and 27 Regulated Suppliers of In-flight supplies (28 in 2017). These figures change over time as new entities are directed and existing ones merge or go out of business.

According to Department for Transport records, the number of notices and directions served under the specified sections of the ASA between 1 January and 31 December 2018 were as follows;

Notices served under section 11 of the ASA

**Three** notices were served by the Secretary of State under section 11 during the reporting period.

Directions served under sections 12, 13, 13A and 14 of the ASA

The latest version of the SCD, the Single Consolidated Direction (Aviation) 1/2018, came into force on 26 November 2018. It was issued to all UK aviation directed parties.

The various chapters of the SCD incorporate 4 broad categories of direction:

1) Section 12 ASA directions to aircraft operators to carry out searches

2) Section 13 ASA directions to aerodrome managers to carry out searches

3) Section 13A ASA directions to “others” connected with aerodromes to carry out searches

4) Section 14 ASA general directions to do anything for the purposes of Part II of ASA (to protect civil aviation from acts of violence).

The following table indicates which section of the ASA, and which type of entity, to which each chapter of the SCD relates.

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| **Chapter**  **Number** | **Aircraft Operators** | **Aerodrome Managers** | **Persons Occupying Land etc./Persons permitted to have access to a restricted zone etc.** |
| **1** |  | ss.13 and 14 |  |
| **2** |  | s.13 (although technically a direction *not* to carry out searches) |  |
| **3** | s.12 |  |  |
| **4** |  | ss.13 and 14 |  |
| **5** | ss.12 and 14 |  |  |
| **6** | s.12 |  | ss.13A and 14 |
| **7** | s.12 |  |  |
| **8** |  |  | s.13A |
| **9** |  | s.13 | s.13A |
| **10** | ss.12 and 14 |  |  |
| **11** | s.14 | s.14 | s.14 |
| **12** | s.14 | s.14 | s.14 |

In addition to the SCD, the following directions were served in 2018:

**One** variation direction was served on all managers of relevant aerodrome under sections 12(1), 13(1) and 14(1A)(a) and (b) and (3)

**One** variation direction was served on all managers of relevant aerodromes, all operators of an aircraft registered or operating in the UK, all regulated agents of air cargo and all DfT certified instructors under section 14(1A) and (3)

**One** variation direction was served on an individual aircraft operator under section 12(1)(a)

**Two** directions were served on individual airports in respect to the control of access to the airside area under section 14(1A)(b) and (3)

**One** variation was given to an individual airport under sections 12(1)(a), 14(1A)(b) and (3)

**Two** individual variation directions were given to individual airports under section 12(1)(a)

Directions were also served, between 1 January and 31 December 2018, as follows;

**Four** separate temporary variation directions were given in respect of specific flights, in each case to an individual airport and individual aircraft operator under sections 14 (1A)(a) and (b) and (3)

**Ten** separate variation directions given to individual airports under sections 12(1), 13(1) and 14(1A)(a) and (b) and (3)

**Three** separate variation directions were given under sections 14(1A) (b)

**One** variation direction given under sections 14(1A) and (3)

**Fourteen** separate variation directions given to individual airports under sections 14(1A)(a) and (b) and (3)

**One** direction given to operators of an aircraft registered or operating in the UK under sections 14(1A) and (3)

If the SCD is considered to be a single direction, then a total of 42 directions were given by the Secretary of State in 2018 under sections 12, 13, 13A and/or 14 of the ASA. (30 such directions were given in 2017)

Enforcement notices

No enforcement notices were served under the provisions of the ASA during 2018.

Detention directions

No detention directions was given under the provisions of the ASA during the reporting period.

(No Enforcement notices or Detention directions were served or given in 2017)