

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE No. 02-02

Amended: July 15, 2002

Effective: August 1, 2002

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF WEAPONS INTO THE AIRSIDE OPERATIONS AREA AND OTHER SECURED AND STERILE AREAS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PURPOSE: To enhance security policies governing access of weapons into the Airside Operations Area (AOA) as well as into the marked secure, and sterile areas of Miami-International Airport (MIA).

I. AUTHORITY:

- A. [Transportation Security Regulations, 49 CFR, Parts 1500](#) et al., Civil Aviation Security Rules, as amended.
- B. [Code of Miami-Dade County, Chapter 25](#), Section 2.4 states:

Entry to the AOA, SIDA or restricted areas. No person shall enter the AOA, a SIDA area or a restricted area of any County Airport except:
 - (a) Persons who enter in accordance with security clearance pursuant to the security program established or authorized by the Department, for the particular Airport involved or;
 - (b) Persons assigned duties on the AOA, a SIDA area or other restricted area of any County Airport bearing proper identification as approved and required herein, or;
 - (c) Persons who are employees or authorized representatives of the Department or other federal, State or local governmental department or agency, having proper business thereon and bearing proper identification as approved and required herein.
- C. Chapter 25, Section 2.15 of the Code:
 - (a) No person, other than federal, State or local law enforcement officers on duty or unless otherwise duly authorized by law and

the Department shall carry or transport any weapon on the Airport in a manner contrary to governing law.

II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. *Sterile area* – An area controlled by the inspection of persons and/or property in accordance with an approved security plan.
- B. *Weapon* – A broad range of devices and/or instruments that could be used or perceived to be used as a physical threat to aircraft, flight crews, or the public. The following are weapons sub-categories:
 - 1. Firearm – Any weapon which is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or compressed air; BB guns, and flare or starter pistols; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun.
 - 2. Knives – Include sabers, swords, martial arts devices, and knives of any length or description, including steak knives, pocketknives, and souvenir knives.
 - 3. Cutting instruments – Include carpet knives, box cutters and spare blades, any device with a folding or retractable blade, regardless of blade length or composition, even those less than four inches, whether metallic or non-metallic, ice picks, straight razors, elongated scissors and metal nail files.
 - 4. Explosives/Ammunition/Flammable Liquids – Any explosive or incendiary component, which by themselves or in conjunction with other items, can result in an explosion or a fire. These include explosive materials, blasting caps, fireworks, gasoline, other flammable liquids, ammunition, etc. or any combination of these items (generally referred to as a bomb).
 - 5. Disabling or Incapacitating Items – All tear gas, mace and similar chemicals and gases whether in a pistol, canister or other container, and other disabling devices such as electronic stunning/shocking devices.
 - 6. Others as may be determined by the FAA or the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

III. POLICY:

No person shall enter the AOA, secured areas, or designated sterile areas of MIA with any weapons as defined in Section II, B. of this document.

Exceptions:

- A. Federal, State and local law enforcement personnel who have complied with access control procedures.
- B. Licensed and permitted armed currency couriers while transferring high value goods.
- C. The concourses beyond the screening checkpoints are considered TSA sterile areas, so armed private security personnel are not permitted in sterile areas.
- D. U.S. Department of Agriculture employees with valid access identification media, who have complied with access control procedures. These employees may not take these items through the passenger screening checkpoints.
- E. Employees or agents of any airport employer, who have complied with access control procedures, may use and possess employer-authorized tools necessary for the performance of their assigned duties, even if they are defined as weapons. These employees may not take these items through the passenger screening checkpoints.

IV. ARMORED CAR ACCESS TO SECURED AREAS AND THE AOA AT MIA:

- C. All approved and permitted armored car companies must notify the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) Airside Operations Division by fax within a minimum of two hours in advance of armored car company operational airport schedules. See Annex A, Advance Notification Request for Armored Car Operations.
- B. All occupants of armored courier vehicles, including those in the secured portion, must have valid access identification media and present it, or cause it to be presented, for processing in the card reader before entering or leaving the AOA, secure area, or any Security Identification Display Area (SIDA). All vehicle occupants must present their faces to access control personnel for comparison with the identification media. According

to regulations, when on the AOA, secure area or SIDA, personnel in the secured portion of the armored vehicle must take possession of and display their access identification media at their first opportunity; whenever the secure portion of the vehicle is open; or whenever they are the only occupants of the vehicle.

- C. The driver of the armored vehicle must also have a valid AOA driving permit.
- D. Failure to abide by these procedures is a violation of Chapter 25 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, and may result in arrest and prosecution.

V. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

- A. All companies doing business at MIA must obtain the proper permits from the MDAD Properties Division. See Annex B.
- B. Companies wishing to operate in Airside areas must also obtain a vehicle decal permit from this Division. See Annex C, Letter of Agreement; and Annex D, Decal Permit Application.
- C. Those companies wishing to operate in Landside areas must go to [OD No. 90-24, Ground Transportation Service Permits](#), for pertinent information and permit application.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Operational Directive (OD) shall become effective 15 days after having been filed/recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court as Clerk of the County Commission. The OD shall remain in effect until revoked or modified.

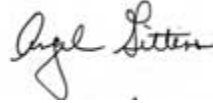
VII. AMENDMENTS:

The Department reserves the right to amend ODs at any time and from time to time. Copies of such amendments will be mailed to all affected parties who do business with the Aviation Department.

VIII. SEVERABILITY:

If any court of competent jurisdiction determines that a provision in this OD is illegal or void, the remainder of this OD shall continue in full force and effect.

CROSS REFERENCE: OD No. 90-24, Ground Transportation Service Permits.



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Date: July 15, 2002

ANNEXES:

Annex A: Advance Notification Request for Armored Car Operations

Annex B: Armored Cars Service Permits and Terms and Conditions

Annex C: Letter of Agreement for Vehicle Decal Permit

Annex D: Vehicle Decal Permit Application