



## In Executive Council

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*Her Excellency the Governor-General is recommended to sign  
the attached Order in Council making  
Civil Aviation Rule Part 108, Air Operator Security Programme,  
Amendment 1*



For  
Minister of Transport

*Approved in Council*



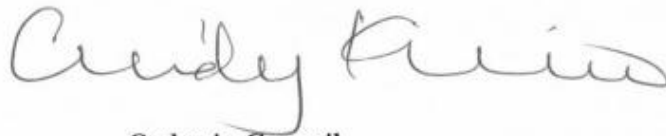
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*Clerk of the Executive Council*

**Civil Aviation Rule Part 108,  
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**Order in Council**

At Wellington this *22* day of *June* 2026

Present:

**Her Excellency the Governor-General** in Council

This rule is made under section 63 of the Civil Aviation Act 2023 –

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Acting Minister of Transport
  - i. being satisfied of the matters specified in sections 63(2)(a) and (b) of that Act; and
  - ii. having regard to the criteria specified in section 72 in accordance with section 63(2)(c) of that Act.

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**Section 1 Preliminary provisions**

**1.1 Title**

This Rule is Civil Aviation Rule Part 108, Air Operator Security Programme, Amendment 1.

**1.2 Principal Rule amended**

This Rule amends Civil Aviation Rule Part 108, Air Operator Security Programme.

**1.3 Commencement**

This Rule comes into force on 23 July 2026.

**Section 2 Amendments to Principal Rule**

**2.1 Amendment to rule 108.53(b)**

After rule 108.53(b)(11) insert:

; and

(12) the air operator facilitates the deployment of in-flight security officers as part of an in-flight security officer programme applying to New Zealand domestic flights.

**2.2 Amendment to rule 108.55(b)**

After rule 108.55(b)(18) insert

; and

(19) the air operator facilitates the deployment of in-flight security officers and foreign in-flight security officers as part of any relevant arrangement or agreement between New Zealand and another State.

**2.3 Amendment to rule 108.55(h)**

Replace rule 108.55(h) with:

(h) The requirements of —

(1) paragraph (b)(12) do not apply to -

(i) an in-flight security officer and anything they are carrying; or

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(ii) any firearm, weapon, ammunition, or other equipment carried or to be carried by an in-flight security officer or a foreign in-flight security officer; and

(2) paragraph (b)(16) do not apply to international transfer and transit baggage unless the Minister or the Director requires it to be searched.

Clerk of the Executive Council.

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### **Explanatory note**

- *This note is not part of the Rule but is intended to indicate its general effect.*
  - This rule amends the Civil Aviation Rule Part 108, Air Operator Security Programme (the **principal rule**).
  - This rule amends the principal rule to require domestic air operators to include procedures for facilitating deployment of in-flight security officers in their security programmes in the event a domestic in-flight security officer programme is initiated.
  - This rule also amends the principal rule to require affected international air operators to include procedures for deployment of New Zealand in-flight security officers or foreign in-flight security officers on international flights.
  - These requirements only apply to air operators that are subject to a domestic programme or are covered by a State-to-State arrangement or agreement between New Zealand and another State, providing for the deployment of in-flight security officers.
  - This rule aligns the obligations on an airline to search passengers and their carry-on baggage with the requirements in Part 140 relating to the searching of in-flight security officers and their weapons by the aviation security service provider.

This is secondary legislation issued under the authority of the <a href="#">Legislation Act 2019</a> .	
Title	Civil Aviation Rule, Part 108 Air Operator Security Programme, Amendment 1.
Principal or amendment	Amendment
Consolidated version	No
Empowering Act and provisions	Civil Aviation Act 2023 section 63
Maker name	Her Excellency the Governor General
Administering agency	Ministry of Transport
Commencement date	23 July 2026