

Free customs zone established on Uzbekistan Airways Technics territory

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In pursuance of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On measures to transform and support civil aviation enterprises” dated April 30, 2021, large-scale work is being carried out. One of the steps is the creation of a free customs zone on the territory of Uzbekistan Airways Technics LLC, which will help create a flexible model of interaction between the state and business on mutually beneficial terms. The organizational and practical work begun at the airline was completed by the beginning of October 2022. During this time, two warehouses were prepared for storing cargo of spare parts for aviation equipment, the territory was equipped with a video surveillance system, and a special room was provided to the employees of the state customs service, which was equipped with modern technology, the Internet and connections.

It should be noted, that the created free customs zone will help foreign airlines to reduce the cost of customs clearance of an aircraft upon arrival for maintenance and repair, have an opportunity to start maintenance (using these aircraft parts) and shorten the maintenance process, and ultimately finish the repair work in advance.

It was determined that in the created customs zone there will be:

- free replacement of aviation equipment spare parts intended for the repair of all foreign aircraft and their individual units in accordance with international legal and technical standards;
- aviation equipment spare parts necessary for repairing local airlines aircrafts, as well as their parts and assemblies purchased within the free customs zone and they are used in the customs regime “release for free circulation”;
- supply parts of aviation technics, imported due to the borders, are distributed in this customs zone through registration in the customs regime “free customs zone”, also, as an exception, certificates and permits are not required;

- upon arrival of aircraft (including their parts and assemblies), imported into the free customs zone in order to carry out repairs, customs control is provided without registration in the appropriate customs regimes.

After establishing the free custom zone on Uzbekistan Airways Technics territory, first airplane to arrive for maintenance was Boeing 737-300 SCAT airline (Republic of Kazakhstan).