

Brief for the New Governor


Air Services Agreements (ASAs)

Objective

To maintain the continuity of Hong Kong's air links with the rest of the world and to allow HKSARG to discharge its obligations under Section IX of Annex I of the Joint Declaration (JD), we need to ensure by 1 July 1997 air services to and from Hong Kong are covered by our own bilateral ASAs. This involves a separation programme (of traffic rights hitherto under UK ASAs) and development of services to new markets under new ASAs.

Background

2. Of the 24 UK ASAs under the separation programme, 5 are dormant and 2 are politically sensitive to the Chinese, thus leaving a target of 17 to separate. To date, 6 ASAs have been separated and signed and 7 others negotiated and initialled. Negotiations on the remaining 4 are underway. Details of the separation programme are at the Annex.



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ASAs on the List of 24

Countries which are
politically sensitive
to the Chinese

<u>Signed ASAs</u> (date of signature)	<u>Initialled ASAs</u> (date of initialling)	<u>Separation</u> <u>under negotiation</u>	<u>Dormant</u>	
Netherlands (17.9.86)	Sri Lanka (2.11.89)	Japan	Burma	South Africa
Switzerland (26.1.88)	India (15.12.89)	Philippines	Kenya	South Korea
Canada (24.6.88)	Germany (13.8.90)	Thailand	Kuwait	
France (20.8.90)	Italy (16.11.90)	USA	Lebanon	
New Zealand (22.2.91)	Indonesia (11.9.91)		Portugal	
Malaysia (4.3.91)	Australia (1.11.91)			
	Singapore (14.2.92)			