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**Agenda Item 8:** Any other business

**PAYMENT DEFERRAL OF AERONAUTICAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE CHARGES AS A MEASURE TO HELP AVIATION INDUSTRY OVERCOME COVID-19 RECESSION**

(Presented by the Republic of Korea)

**SUMMARY**

The Aviation Meteorological Office (AMO) of the Republic of Korea has granted the payment deferral of aeronautical meteorological service charges to airlines faced with economic difficulties amid COVID-19. Any airplanes landing at Korean airports from March to November are allowed to defer the payment for 3 months. From March to September, 2020, 63 airlines around the world filed deferral requests.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 AMO allows airlines to defer the payment of Aeronautical Meteorological Service Charges in order to support aviation industry financially affected by COVID-19.

1.2 The same rates of service charges are levied for both national and foreign airlines. AMO has aimed to ease the economic hardship of aviation industry worldwide.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 AMO imposes aeronautical meteorological service charges on each international flight landing at airports in the Republic of Korea or flying over the Incheon FIR (Flight Information Region). Among them, aeronautical meteorological service charges for landing flights from March to November 2020 were deferred for three months each for each airline. Interest on deferred fees is not imposed.

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Payment target	March	April	May	...	October	November
Original payment deadline	the end of April	the end of May	the end of June		the end of November	the end of December
Deferred payment deadline	the end of July	the end of August	the end of September		the end of February 2021	the end of March 2021

2.2 A total of 280 million Won (about 250,000 US dollars) was deferred from March to September for 63 airlines worldwide, and the total is estimated 360 million Won (about 320,000 US dollars) expected by November.

2.3 AMO of the Republic of Korea is committed to joining forces to support aviation industry faced with unprecedented crisis due to COVID-19 outbreak.

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