

Notice of discontinuance

Airline Services Limited

1. This information is published in accordance with paragraph 11(8) of Schedule 17 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.
2. On the 30th October 2020, a deferred prosecution agreement ('the agreement') between the Serious Fraud Office and Airline Services Limited came into force having been approved by Mrs Justice May DBE sitting at Southwark Crown Court ('the Court').
3. The same day, a bill of indictment was preferred charging Airline Services Limited with offences of failure of a commercial organisation to prevent bribery, contrary to section 7 of the Bribery Act 2010. The proceedings were automatically suspended in accordance with paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 17 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.
4. The Agreement expired on 30 October 2021 following completion of the 1 year term.
5. On 26 November 2021, the Serious Fraud Office gave notice in writing to the Court and Airline Services Limited discontinuing the prosecution on indictment number U20201913 in accordance with paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 17 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 and rule 11.8 of the Criminal Procedure Rules.
6. As detailed below, Airline Services Limited has complied with its obligations under the agreement:

A. Co-operation

Airline Services Limited fully co-operated with the Serious Fraud Office as required by the agreement.

B. Payment of a disgorgement

Airline Services Limited paid the disgorgement amount of £990,971.45.

C. Financial Penalty

Airline Services Limited paid the Serious Fraud Office a financial penalty of £1,238,714.31.

D. Payment Terms of financial penalty

Airline Services Ltd paid the financial penalty on 3 November 2020 in accordance with the agreed terms.

E. Costs

Airline Services paid the Serious Fraud Office costs of £750,000 on 3 November 2020 in accordance with the agreed terms.