

(8) Committees may be formed to facilitate the work of the Civil Aviation Advisory Board.

(9) Members and substitute members of the Civil Aviation Advisory Board shall be removed from office by the Federal Minister of Transport and Electric Power when they seriously violate the duties of their office.

Section 144. Meetings of the Civil Aviation Advisory Board.

(1) The Civil Aviation Advisory Board shall be convened by the chairman at least once every three months and in addition upon written request of half of the members of the advisory board. The advisory board members shall be convened and notified of the agenda in due time.

(2) The meetings of the Civil Aviation Advisory Board shall not be public. The Federal Minister of Transport and Electric Power, on the occasion of the appointment of the board members and prior to attending the first meeting by the substitute members, shall receive their promise to observe silence about the matters brought to their knowledge in connection with their activities in the Civil Aviation Advisory Board.

(3) For the decisions of the Civil Aviation Advisory Board a two-third majority shall be required. The chairman or his representative shall have no vote.

Section 145. Special Mission Flights.

(1) The provisions concerning controlled areas (section 3), air space restrictions (section 4), off-field landings and takeoffs (section 9), the civil airfield operating regulations (section 74, paragraph 1) and air traffic regulations (section 124) shall not be applicable to military aircraft in action:

a) in accordance with section 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph b of the Defense Law, Federal Law Gazette No. 181 1955, or

b) against aircraft violating Austrian air sovereignty, and to civil aircraft of the Federal Government which are used to maintain public order and safety.

(2) The Federal Ministry of the Interior shall obtain the concurrence of the Federal Ministry of National Defense, concerning the entry of civil aircraft (within the meaning of paragraph 1), into restricted areas which, in accordance with section 5, paragraph 4, will be designated to prevent violations of air sovereignty or to prepare for an operation of the Federal Army in accordance with section 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph a, of the Defense Law, Federal Law Gazette No. 181/1955, in case of imminent danger.

(3) Special mission flights in accordance with paragraph 1, shall be immediately reported to the nearest flight safety station by the authority which ordered the action (section 120, paragraph 1) whereby the presumable flight area shall be indicated.

PART X—PENAL PROVISIONS

Section 146. Prosecution of Offenses.

(1) Any person who violates or tries to violate the provisions of this Federal Law or the provisions of ordinances issued under this