

*Chapter III—Rental*

Article 125. In the case of rental of an aircraft for several successive trips or for a predetermined time, the commander, the [co]-pilot and the crew shall remain under the authority of the owner of the aircraft, except where there is an agreement to the contrary.

Article 126. The proprietor of an aircraft rented to a third person shall remain subject to his legal obligations and shall be jointly liable with the lessor for any violation thereof.

However, if the rented contract has been registered in the register and if the lessor fulfills the conditions required for the ownership of a French aircraft, such lessor shall be solely liable for such legal obligations as operator and shall be solely responsible in the case of a violation of such obligations.

*Title II—Air Carriers*

Article 127. No one shall engage in any air transportation on a commercial basis and for payment unless he has been authorized by the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation.

The conditions under which such authorization may be granted or withdrawn are fixed by a decree of the council of State.

Article 128. The establishment of international routes of air transportation, as well as the establishment and operation of international routes of regular air transportation, shall be subject to prior authorization by the government.

Commercial transportation of persons and goods between two points located within the territory of the French Union and any States for the foreign relations of which France is responsible shall be reserved to French aircraft except for special, temporary exceptions which may be awarded by decree.

Article 129. Transportation of passengers may be undertaken only by carriers authorized to do so by the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation.

Such carriers must present for his prior approval:

    Their general plans for the purchase and rental of flying equipment;

    Their plans of operation containing in particular the indication of the types of equipment normally used on each of the passenger services listed in such plans.

The superior council of merchant aviation shall be informed, for advice, of such plans and of any changes that may be made therein.

The rates shall be submitted for approval to the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation.

Transportation of not more than six passengers made by means of aircraft whose weight is less than a maximum fixed by order of the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article.

Article 130. In the case where a carrier violates the provisions of Articles 129 and 132, the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation may suspend or withdraw the authorization or approval for all or some of the routes operated.

In the case of the exercise of an activity of air transportation by a carrier not regularly authorized or approved, as the case may be, the