

PART V
—cont.

(3) This section applies—

(a) to an aircraft, other than an aircraft used in military, customs or police services, registered in any country or territory in the case of which there is for the time being in force a declaration made by His Majesty by Order in Council, with a view to the fulfilment of the provisions of the Chicago Convention to which this section relates, that the benefits of those provisions apply to that country or territory, and

(b) to such other aircraft as His Majesty may by Order in Council specify.

(4) The provisions of the Eighth Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the detention on patent claims in respect of foreign aircraft other than aircraft to which this section applies.

(5) Part VI of this Act applies to this section.

Explanation of
Carriage by
Air Act, 1932.

54. For the avoidance of doubt in the construction of the Carriage by Air Act, 1932, whether as forming part of the law of the United Kingdom or as extended to any other country or territory, it is hereby declared that references to agents in the First Schedule to that Act include references to servants.

Recording and
registration
of births and
deaths, etc.

55.—(1) The Minister may by regulations provide for requiring such persons as may be specified in the regulations to keep records and make returns to him—

(a) of births and deaths occurring in any part of the world in any aircraft registered in Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

(b) of the death, outside the United Kingdom, of any person who, being a traveller on such an aircraft, is killed on the journey in consequence of an accident;

and for the keeping in his Department of a record of any returns made to him in accordance with any such requirement as aforesaid.

Any person who fails to comply with any such requirement shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(2) Proceedings for an offence under this section shall not, in England or Wales, be instituted except by or with the consent of the Minister or by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and shall not, in Northern Ireland be instituted except by or with the consent of the Minister, or by the Attorney-General for Northern Ireland.

(3) Where such an offence as aforesaid has been committed by a body corporate, every person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director, general manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or was purporting to act in any such capacity, shall be deemed to be