

17. Production of licences, etc.—Any licence (other than a licence issued under Part XIII), certificate, log book or document granted or required to be maintained under these rules shall, on demand for the purpose of inspection, by any magistrate, any police officer above the rank of constable, any customs officer, any commissioned officer of His Majesty's naval, military or air forces, any non-commissioned officer of the Royal Air Force, any gazetted officer of the Civil Aviation Department, or any other person authorized by the Central Government by special or general order in writing in this behalf, be produced by the licensee or, in the case of an aircraft or of a licensed aerodrome, by the owner, hirer or person in charge thereof:

Provided that any such licence, certificate, log book or document relating to an aircraft or its personnel which is not by these rules required to be carried in the aircraft shall be produced within seven days of the making of the demand.

18. Prevention of flights in contravention of the rules—

(1) An authority authorized under Section 8 of the Indian Aircraft Act, 1934, to detain aircraft may do so by the issue of a written direction to the pilot or other person for the time being in charge of the aircraft to be detained, or by taking such other steps as may be necessary to make the detention effective. If an aircraft detained by a person so authorized is housed or kept at a Government aerodrome the housing or picketing charges normally applicable shall be payable in respect of the whole period during which it is detained.

(2) Any person acting in contravention of any direction given under this rule shall without prejudice to any other penalty he may incur, be deemed to have acted in contravention of these rules.

19. Cancellation, suspension or endorsement of licences and certificates—

(1) Where any person is convicted of a contravention of or failure to comply with these rules in respect of any aircraft the Central Government may cancel or suspend any certificate of registration granted under these rules relating to that aircraft.

(2) The Central Government may cancel or suspend any certificate relating to the airworthiness of an aircraft granted under these rules if it is satisfied that reasonable doubt exists as to the safety of the aircraft in question or of the type to which the aircraft in question belongs and may vary the conditions attached to any such certificate if it is satisfied that those conditions may properly be relaxed or that reasonable doubt exists whether those conditions afford a sufficient margin of safety.

(3) The Central Government may for reasons which shall be recorded in writing cancel, suspend or endorse any certificate or licence granted under these rules if it is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for so doing and may suspend any such certificate or licence temporarily during the investigation of any matter forming a ground for action under this sub-rule.