PART IV.—Registration and Marking of Aircraft.

30. Certificate of Registration—

(1) The authority empowered to register aircraft and to grant certificates of registration in India shall be the Central Government.

(2) An aircraft may be registered in India in one or other of the following categories, namely :—

(a) *Category A.*—If the aircraft is wholly owned either—

(i) by British Subjects or persons under His Majesty's protection, or

(ii) by a company or corporation registered within and having its principal place of business within His Majesty's dominions ; and

(b) *Category B.*—If the aircraft is wholly owned either—

(i) by persons, resident in or carrying on business in India, who are not British Subjects nor persons under His Majesty's protection, or

(ii) by a company or corporation registered elsewhere than within His Majesty's dominions and carrying on business in India.

(3) No aircraft in respect of which the conditions required in sub-rule (2) are not satisfied, and no aircraft which is already validly registered in another country, shall be registered in India.

31. Nature of application—

(1) Every application for a certificate of registration shall be accompained by—

(a) such particulars relating to the aircraft as may be required ;

(b) the fee prescribed in rule 35, which fee shall be returned if the application is not granted ;

(c) in the case of aircraft imported by air, a certificate signed by a Chief Customs Officer or Customs Collector that the customs duty leviable in respect of it has been paid. Such certificate shall state the type and manufacturer's number of the aircraft and engine, and if the aircraft has been registered elsewhere, its registration markings.

(2) An applicant for a certificate of registration may be required to produce proof of the truth of the statements contained in his application.

32. Aircraft imported by air.—When an application is made for the registration of an aircraft before its import into India for the purpose of the import of the aircraft by air, a temporary certificate of registration will, subject to the conditions of sub-rule (3) of rule 30, be granted by the Central Government on the owner of the aircraft complying with clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 31. Such temporary certificate shall be valid only until the first landing of the aircraft at a customs aerodrome in India, when the certificate shall be delivered by the pilot or other person in charge to the local Aerodrome Officer. Thereafter, on production by or on behalf of the