

times and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Director-General of Civil Aviation in India.

37. Nationality and Registration Marks, how to be affixed—

(1) The nationality mark of an aircraft registered in India shall be the letters VT and the registration mark shall be a group of three letters assigned by the Central Government.

(2) The nationality and registration marks shall be painted on the aircraft in the following manner :—

(a) *Aerostats*.—In the case of airships the marks shall be painted near the maximum cross-section so as to appear on both sides and on the upper surface equidistant from the letters on the sides.

In the case of balloons the marks shall appear twice near the maximum horizontal circumference of a spherical balloon and shall be placed as far as possible from one another and, on a non-spherical balloon, near the maximum cross-section on both sides immediately above the rigging band on the points of attachment of the basket suspension cables.

In the case of all aerostats, the side marks shall be visible both from the sides and from the ground.

(b) *Aeroplanes*.—The marks shall be painted once on the lower surface of the main plane structure and once on the upper surface of the main plane structure, the top of the letters to be towards the leading edge. They shall also be painted along each side of the fuselage or of the body between the main planes and the tail planes.

(c) *Other aerodynes*.—The provisions of clause (b) shall be applicable to other aerodynes in so far as the latter comprise corresponding elements on which marks could be placed.

(3) The marks shall be of such a colour in relation to the colour of the background on which they are painted as will render them clearly legible at a distance of not less than 250 yards in a clear atmosphere.

(4) The height of the letters of the nationality and registration marks need not exceed eight feet. Subject as aforesaid, the height of the marks shall be as follows :—

(a) *Aerostats*.—In the case of airships the height of the marks shall be equal to at least one-twelfth of the perimeter of the airship at the maximum cross-section.

In the case of balloons the height of the marks shall be equal to at least one-fifteenth of the maximum horizontal circumference of a spherical balloon and to at least one-twelfth of the perimeter of a non-spherical balloon at the maximum cross-section.

(b) *Aeroplanes*.—The marks to be borne on the wings and the fuselage or body shall, as regards each group of marks, be formed of letters of equal height, as large as possible without however touching the visible outline of the wings, fuselage or body.