

IRAN

CIVIL AVIATION ACT

Approved on 19 July 1949¹

ARTICLE 1

The word aircraft, used in this Act, represents a means of transport which can derive its support in the atmosphere from the reaction of the air.

ARTICLE 2

This Act relates to civil aircraft and does not cover military aircraft.

ARTICLE 3

The Government has absolute and exclusive sovereignty over the air space above its territory and territorial waters.

ARTICLE 4

For the creation and promotion of civil aviation the Government shall:

- (a) encourage and develop civil aviation organisations in order to provide for the needs of internal and external air transportation of passengers, cargo and or mail;
- (b) organise internal air-routes so that all parts of the country may benefit from the advantages of air transportation, establish such airports as are needed, and provide the ground equipment required to insure the safety of flight;
- (c) help Iranian aviation organisations to establish a non-monopolistic basis the air services required;
- (d) foster air communication with foreign countries on a reciprocal basis for the purpose of developing and strengthening the social and economic relations of Iran with those countries.

ARTICLE 5

For the enforcement of this Act an independent Administration, to be known as the Department General of Civil Aviation, shall be established in the Ministry of Roads. The Department General of Civil Aviation shall be managed by a Director General who shall have the rank of Under-Secretary of State to the Minister of Roads, and shall be appointed for a period of three years by an Imperial Firman on a submission by the Council of Ministers. On the expiry of this period his appointment may be renewed in the same manner. The Depart-

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