

25.—(1) After the commencement of this Chapter of this Part of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person to fly, or cause or permit any other person to fly, an aircraft unless—

Obligation of owners of aircraft to be insured against certain third party risks.

(a) there is in force in relation to the flying of such aircraft by such person or such other person, a policy of insurance (in this Chapter of this Part of this Act referred to as an approved policy of insurance) issued by an approved aircraft insurer, which subject to any restrictions or conditions specified therein, insures the owner of such aircraft against all liability which he may incur in respect of loss or damage caused to persons or property on land or water in Saorstát Eireann by, or by any person in, or any article or person falling from, the aircraft while in flight, taking off, or landing; or

(b) the owner of such aircraft is an exempted person within the meaning of this Chapter of this Part of this Act.

(2) If any person acts in contravention of this section he shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or, at the discretion of the court, imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

26.—Where—

(a) any aircraft has been bona-fide demised, let or hired out for a period exceeding fourteen days to any other person by the owner thereof, and

Hirers of aircraft to be treated as owners in certain circumstances.

(b) no pilot, commander, navigator or operative member of the crew of the aircraft is in the employment of such owner,

the two immediately preceding sections shall have effect as if for references therein to the owner there were substituted references to the person to whom the aircraft has been so demised, let or hired out.