

(4) In any prosecution of a person for an alleged contravention of or failure to comply with any instrument to which this section applies it shall be a defence for such person to prove that such contravention or failure was due to stress of weather or other unavoidable cause, and in any prosecution of the owner, hirer, pilot or commander of an aircraft for such alleged contravention or failure it shall be a defence for such owner, hirer, pilot or commander to prove that such alleged contravention or failure took place without his actual default or privity.

(5) This section applies to any instrument, being—

- (a) an order made by the Minister under this Part, or
- (b) any regulation made or direction given under any such order.

14.—The following provisions shall have effect in relation to all fees payable under this Part, that is to say—

Fees on certificates and licences.

- (a) such fees shall be collected in money and taken in such manner as the Minister for Finance may from time to time direct, and shall be paid into or disposed of for the benefit of the Exchequer in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance, and
- (b) the Public Offices (Fees) Act, 1879, shall not apply in respect of such fees.

15.—Any sums required for the contribution from the State for the organisation and operations of—

Expenses of International Civil Aviation Organisations.

- (a) the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organisation set up under the Interim Agreement on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the 7th day of December, 1944, or
- (b) the International Civil Aviation Organisation set up under the Chicago Convention,

shall be paid by the Minister out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas.

16.—(1) The Minister may by order provide for the detention of aircraft to secure compliance with the Chicago Convention or any order made under this Part or any regulation made or direction given under any such order.

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