

the lease agreement is recorded in the register the renter alone shall be responsible unless he proves that the error arose from the fault of the owner or that the accident arose from force majeure.

CHAPTER VI

JURISDICTIONS IN AVIATION LITIGATION

SUB-CHAPTER 1 — RULES OF COMPETENCE

Article 78. — Cases for determining responsibility may be referred at the plaintiff's option either to the court of the locality where the damage occurred or to that of the defendant's domicile.

If the case relates to damages caused to an aircraft during its journey, the court of the locality where the aircraft lands shall be the appropriate court to consider the case.

SUB-CHAPTER 2

INQUESTS INTO CASES OF INFRINGEMENTS

Article 79. — Inquests into infringements of this Law shall be carried out by every official sworn to this effect representing Police, Gendarmerie, Customs, Public Works or Public Security, each according to his competence.

In compliance with article 57 of this Law the above mentioned Authorities may seize explosives, military arms and ammunitions, carrier pigeons, mail communications, radio-telegraphic and radio-telephonic equipment carried by aircraft without authorisation. These authorities may also seize the above articles even when their transportation is authorised if the aircraft flies over a prohibited area.

Article 80. — The above-mentioned officials are empowered to seize any aircraft the pilot of which does not produce its licence or if its registration mark does not correspond with that of the registration and airworthiness certificates. Such seizure shall last until the aircraft iden-