

MEXICO

DECREE AMENDING BOOK FOUR OF THE LAW OF GENERAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ¹

The Congress of the United States of Mexico decrees:

Article 1. Book Four of the Law of General Means of Communications is hereby revised, and now reads as follows:

BOOK FOUR—AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

CHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 306. The space above the Mexican territory shall be subject to national sovereignty.

For the purposes of this Law, the term "Mexican territory" shall include the surface area of the United States of Mexico, territorial waters and adjacent islands in both Oceans, as well as the Island of Guadalupe and the Revillagigedo Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Article 307. Civil air navigation over Mexican territory shall be governed by the international treaties and conventions which the Mexican Government has signed and ratified according to the Constitution, by this Law and its Regulations, and by all other laws and regulations which are applicable.

Article 308. For the purposes of inspection, supervision and control of civil air navigation, all civil aircraft in Mexican territory or which fly over it, as well as their crew, passengers and goods transported shall be subject exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Federal Executive.

Article 309. The following shall be subject to Mexican law:

I. Events and legal acts which occur on board Mexican aircraft in flight, whether above Mexican territory or over non-territorial seas, as well as those occurring on board Mexican aircraft in flight over foreign territory, unless they be of such nature that they affect the safety or public order of the respective foreign State.

II. Criminal acts which occur on board any aircraft which is over foreign territory, whenever they produce effects or are intended to produce effects on Mexican territory.

The provisions of the Civil Code for the Federal District and Territories in regard to births and deaths on board a Mexican vessel shall be applicable to civil air navigation.

Article 310. The owner, possessor or operator of aircraft shall be jointly liable with the commander or pilot for any violation of this Law and its Regulations resulting from orders given by said owner, possessor or operator.

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