

CHAPTER VIII—AIR TRAFFIC

Article 326. Air traffic shall comply with the following rules:

I. Control of air traffic, meteorological, aeronautical, telecommunications services and aid to air navigation shall be within the jurisdiction of the Secretariat of Communications. To comply with the powers vested in it for such purpose, it shall order all the measures necessary for the greater efficiency and safety of air navigation, for the purpose of protecting human lives and property. It may therefore grant licenses or permits for the rendering of such services, to technical organizations, which shall have the status of auxiliary or allied services of the means of communication and which shall be considered of public interest.

II. All aircraft must use, as an obligatory safety requirement, the control services of air traffic, of aeronautical telecommunications, of meteorological information and of aid to air navigation. Such services shall be put at the disposal of all operations of aircraft on the basis, the conditions and the rates approved by the Secretariat of Communications.

III. The Secretariat of Communications shall order the measures it deems necessary to extend and modernize the system of auxiliary installations to air navigation, and shall exercise care to insure that enterprises rendering public service and licensees of private service comply at all times with the safety requirements established in this Law and its Regulations.

IV. Operations of military aircraft on the airways, in traffic control zones or at civil airdromes shall be subject to the rules on air traffic contained in this Law and its Regulations. Any infringements committed during such operations shall be made known to the Secretariat of National Defense.

CHAPTER IX—CIVIL AIRDROMES

Article 327. A civil airdrome shall be any defined area of land or water which is suitable for the taking off, landing and movement of civil aircraft.

Civil airdromes shall be divided into airdromes for public service and airdromes for private service. The Secretariat of Communications shall establish by declaration which are airdromes for public services and which are for private service, in accordance with the Regulations.

Civil airdromes shall be subject to the control, inspection and supervision of the Secretariat of Communications.

An airport shall be any civil airdrome for public service having adequate facilities and installations for the operations of public service aircraft. Airports shall be classified in categories according to the nature of their facilities and installations.

Airports shall be open to the public for their specified purposes, and services furnished there shall be charged for in accordance with rates previously authorized by the Secretariat of Communications.

All international airports must be declared as such by the Federal Executive, and they must furnish the proper international services and meet the requirements specified in the Regulations.