

- b). By order of the competent authorities;
- c). When the aircraft is destroyed or lost;
- d). When the aircraft no longer fulfills the requirements for airworthiness specified in the Regulations;
- e). At the expiration of the period of registration, whenever the registration is subject to a time limitation;
- f). When the aircraft is abandoned;
- g). For any of the other reasons specified in the Regulations.

Registration of an aircraft which is encumbered cannot be cancelled without the consent of the creditor.

Article II. Articles 555 to 570 inclusive and Article 590 of Book Seven of the Law of General Means of Communications shall be amended as follows:

*Article 555.*¹ A fine of from \$250.—to \$50,000.—(pesos) shall be imposed on the owner, possessor or operator of civil aircraft in the following cases:

- I. For allowing aircraft to fly:
 - a). Without marks of nationality and registration;
 - b). Without a certificate of airworthiness or certificate of registration, or when such documents have expired or are false;
 - c). With a crew who lack the respective licenses;
 - d). Without the proper safety instruments and auxiliary equipment;
 - e). Without making use of the auxiliary installations and services for aerial navigation, except in cases of *force majeure*;
- II. For registering aircraft in the Register of some other State without first obtaining the cancellation of the Mexican registration.
- III. For altering or modifying the marks of nationality and registration on the aircraft without the authorization of the Secretariat of Communications;
- IV. For ordering the commander or pilot of the aircraft to perform acts which constitute a violation of this Law or its Regulations;
- V. For bringing foreign aircraft into Mexican territory or taking Mexican aircraft into a foreign country without complying with the requirements specified in the Law;

VI. For failing immediately to notify the Secretariat of Communications of accidents to their aircraft;

VII. For refusing to take part in search and salvage operations;

VIII. For permitting aircraft to obstruct or impede air traffic or circulation on airdromes;

IX. For any violation of the Regulations concerning airdromes.

In the case of a public carrier the minimum penalty shall be \$5,000.—[pesos].

Article 556. A fine of from \$50.—to \$50,000.—(pesos) shall be imposed on the pilot or commander of any civil aircraft:

I. For failing to utilize, during the flight of aircraft, the installations, aids to aerial navigation and other auxiliary safety services;

II. For disobedience to the orders or instructions received with regard to air traffic;

¹ Art. 555. This and the following articles, including Art. 570, were amended by the Decree of Dec. 30, 1949, published in the *Diario Oficial* of January 23, 1950, and took effect 30 days from that date.