

In order to speed up the improvement of towns in the Romanian People's Republic, the People's Councils may participate in setting up, equipping and maintaining civil aviation areas by agreement, according to circumstances with the administrators of such areas.

Art. 46. Any of the areas officially approved by the civil aviation authorities of the Romanian People's Republic may be transferred by the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation from a higher class and category to a lower class and category if the area is found to be no longer suitable for classification, setting up equipment or minimum maintenance. The Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation also shall have the right to suspend, for a limited or unlimited period, the use of ground installations of any kind designed for civil aviation, if the emplacement or functioning of such installations does not correspond to the conditions established for the safety of air navigation and circulation. In such cases the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation may extend the facilities, structures and installations of civil aviation on the entire territory included within the space of air circulation, or change them in any way, with a view to achieving safety of the air transports and communications.

Art. 47. For the safety of the takeoff and landing of aircraft and in order to ensure the adequate use of aeronautical facilities, structures and installations on the territory, safety zones shall be established on and around the civil aviation areas as soon as they have been declared civil aviation areas in accordance with their purpose. The conditions for establishing, according to various categories of airdromes, the zones which must be cleared of obstacles (aeronautical encumbrances), shall be specified in instructions issued by the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation, to be issued in agreement with the ministries concerned. Authorization has been given to cultivate within the areas of airdromes only plants which serve to prevent erosion and maintain such areas.

Areas shall also be cleared of obstacles while they are being tested for civil aviation, for a maximum period of one year after they have been chosen.

Improvements, structures and installations, set up or maintained by agencies other than those of the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation, in disregard of the provisions of this Article may be removed or reduced as directed in presidential orders.

Art. 48. Electrical structures and installations or radio stations likely to disturb radio communications of civil aviation may be set up and used within the zones of airdromes open for public air traffic or in the neighbourhood of aeronautical installations on airways only with the approval of the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation.

New structures and radio installations for civil aviation and new civil airdromes to be equipped with radio installations shall be set up by the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation in agreement with the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications⁴ and with the State Planning Committee.

Art. 49. The use of civil airdromes and aeronautical installations

⁴ See note 3 *supra*.