

Art. 69. A civil aircraft of any category or nationality which, during an international flight, enters the space of the air traffic of the Romanian People's Republic, must make the first landing in the Romanian People's Republic at a customs airport. Likewise, for civil aircraft which leave the territory of the Romanian People's Republic, the last takeoff must be from a customs airport. By customs airport shall be understood any airfield open for international public air traffic on which the customs agencies of the Romanian People's Republic are functioning. Sanitary and health controls shall also be set up at customs air ports; all civil aircraft which make international flights must pass through this control.

If, during an international flight, a civil aircraft of any category or nationality has to make a forced landing outside the customs airports, the airfield shall, by any means [possible], get in touch with the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation and with the local authorities which must ensure customs control of the aircraft, cargo and passengers. Expenses incurred for this special control shall be paid by the authorities or persons to whom the respective aircraft belong.

Art. 70. Civil aircraft not registered in the Romanian People's Republic which land on an airfield open to public air traffic (airport) shall observe the rules and regulations concerning taxes, landing, hangaring and maintenance. Sporting aircraft which make international flights for contests, races or performances shall be exempt from taxes for landing and hangaring.

Art. 71. Before continuing its flight, any civil aircraft not registered in the Romanian People's Republic may be tested by the technical agencies of the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation if the aircraft has suffered an accident and has been repaired in the Romanian People's Republic, or if technical defects have been found which might reduce the safety of air circulation.

Art. 72. Regulations concerning international flight of civil aircraft not registered in the Romanian People's Republic and any changes thereof shall be communicated to air navigators by special notice issued by the Ministry of Land, Sea, and Air Transportation.

CHAPTER VI—SEARCH AND RESCUE OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS

Handling of flight accidents or incidents

Art. 73. The ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation shall organize and direct all operations for the search or rescue of, and assistance to civil aircraft in danger or in distress within the air space and on the territory of the Romanian People's Republic.

Each central agency of civil aviation must be equipped with adequate means for search and rescue so as to be able, if necessary, to participate in the collective effort for the search and rescue of civil aircraft in danger or in distress.

Art. 74. The captain of a civil aircraft who receives a distress signal from another aircraft or from a vessel, and a captain who discovers an aircraft which has suffered an accident or any other disaster, must, if circumstances permit, go to its assistance without, however, endangering the safety of his own aircraft or of the passengers on board. If