

he is unable to rescue those in distress, the captain must maintain constant radio contact with them; he must determine the place of distress and must give information by radio, or at the first airdrome, as to the situation found by him.

*Art. 75.* Accidents which occur in the air or on the ground caused by flight activities of civil air personnel and which result in the serious injury or death of one or more persons, or in the damage of a civil aircraft which cannot be repaired by normal means, shall be considered "flight accidents."

Damage to, or breakdowns of civil aircraft which do not cause serious injuries to persons or damage to the structure of the aircraft and which can be repaired by normal means shall be considered "flight incidents."

All flight accidents which occur within the space of air circulation shall be investigated by the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation with the participation in such investigation commission of a delegate of the agency to which the aircraft belongs.

Accidents of civil aircraft which occur within the zones reserved for the formation of the central authorities of civil aviation shall be investigated by the respective central authority of civil aviation under the same conditions as those which occur within the space of air circulation.

Incidents of flight shall be subject to investigation by the operators of the respective aircraft.

*Art. 76.* Operators of civil aircraft must communicate to the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation, without delay and in any manner possible, all flight accidents occurring in their activity, with a view to centralizing and keeping records thereof and in order to gain useful experience in the achievement of flight safety.

The details of handling any flight accidents or incidents shall be established by instructions issued by the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation.

*Art. 77.* If a civil aircraft is damaged or is unable to continue its flight owing to the death, injury or sickness of members of the crew, the local authorities must give the necessary assistance, take over the protection of the aircraft and communicate the incident without delay and by the quickest means available to the nearest agency of civil aviation. This agency, without delay, must get in touch with the central authority of civil aviation to which the aircraft, which has suffered the accident, belongs.

Any person who observes or finds a civil aircraft in distress or the wreckage thereof on the ground or at sea must, without delay, inform the local authorities and the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation.

*Art. 78.* The assistance to, and rescue of civil aircraft at sea shall be carried out on the basis of the rules for assistance to, and rescue of maritime vessels.

*Art. 79.* In case of disaster or if immediate help or exceptional participation of civil aircraft is needed, the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation may mobilize any civil aircraft registered in the Rumanian People's Republic for participation in such action.