

Postal air transportation in the Rumanian People's Republic shall be carried out on the basis of contracts concluded between the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications⁵ and the air transport enterprises, with the advice of the Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation. Air transportation carried out exclusively for the distribution of newspapers in regions which are not easily accessible by other means of transportation, shall be considered air freight transportation.

Air freight transportation shall be carried out either on the basis of contracts concluded between the parties concerned and the air transport enterprises, or on the basis of agreements concluded between the agencies of the State administration, institution, organisation or enterprise concerned and the central authorities of civil aviation who, by virtue of their laws of organisation, are entitled to carry out such transportation by their own means, or by service transport carried out by the central authorities of civil aviation for their own needs.

Service transportation shall be free of charge and may only be carried out by [aircraft owned by the authority]. Flight of civil aircraft undertaken in accordance with Article 9, Paragraph 2, shall always be considered service transportation.

Art. 85.

Tariffs and tariff provisions for public air and freight air transports carried out by air transport enterprises shall be established in accordance with the laws in force.

Art. 86.

The cost of service rendered in connection with air freight transportation may be established by contracts concluded for this purpose; the respective calculation may represent the total or partial value of the service, according to the general interests of the state authorities which have required such service.

Art. 87. The duration of passenger air transportation shall be calculated from the time when the passenger has been supplied with the necessary transportation documents and is admitted to the place of departure by the agents of the carrier, either at the airport or by the means of transportation which the carrier has placed at his disposal for going to the airport, until the time at the place of destination when the passenger leaves the airport or the means of transportation placed at his disposal by the carrier.

The duration of air freight transportation shall be calculated from the time of [the freight's] registration and actual receipt at the place of departure by the carrier or by his agents until delivery on arrival, either to the addressee in domestic transportation or to the customs agencies in international transportation or to the postal agencies in postal transportation of any kind.

Art. 88. Air transportation enterprises or the central authorities of civil aviation which, by virtue of their laws or organization, are entitled to carry out public air or freight transportation may refuse carriage:

- a) if the carriage is cancelled or suspended as a result of legal or administrative provisions or owing to exceptional or unforeseen technical or meteorological conditions;

⁵ See note 3 *supra*.