

under a contract of conditional sale, equipment trust, chattel or corporate mortgage, or other instrument of similar nature, and no lessor of any such aircraft, aircraft engine, or propeller under a bona fide lease of thirty days or more, shall be liable by reason of such interest or title, or by reason of his interest as lessor or owner of the aircraft, aircraft engine, or propeller so leased, for any injury to or death of persons, or damage to or loss of property, on the surface of the earth (whether on land or water) caused by such aircraft, aircraft engine, or propeller, or by the ascent, descent, or flight of such aircraft, aircraft engine, or propeller or by the dropping or falling of an object therefrom, unless such aircraft, aircraft engine, or propeller is in the actual possession or control of such person at the time of such injury, death, damage, or loss."⁸

DEALERS' AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

SEC. 505. [72 Stat. 774, 49 U.S.C. 1405] The Administrator may, by such reasonable regulations as he may find to be in the public interest, provide for the issuance, and for the suspension or revocation, of dealers' aircraft registration certificates, and for their use in connection with aircraft eligible for registration under this Act by persons engaged in the business of manufacturing, distributing, or selling aircraft. Aircraft owned by holders of dealers' aircraft registration certificates shall be deemed registered under this Act to the extent that the Administrator may, by regulation, provide. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any regulation, or any term, condition, or limitation contained in any certificate, issued under this section.

TITLE VI—SAFETY REGULATION OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS

GENERAL SAFETY POWERS AND DUTIES

Minimum Standards; Rules and Regulations

SEC. 601. [72 Stat. 775, 49 U.S.C. 1421] (a) The Administrator is empowered and it shall be his duty to promote safety of flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing and revising from time to time:

- (1) Such minimum standards governing the design, materials, workmanship, construction, and performance of aircraft, aircraft engines, and propellers as may be required in the interest of safety;
- (2) Such minimum standards governing appliances as may be required in the interest of safety;
- (3) Reasonable rules and regulations and minimum standards governing, in the interest of safety, (A) the inspection, servicing, and overhaul of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances; (B) the equipment and facilities for such inspection, servicing, and overhaul; and (C) in the discretion of the Administrator, the periods for, and the manner in, which such inspection, servicing, and overhaul shall be made, including provision for examinations and reports by properly qualified private persons whose examinations or reports the Administrator may accept in lieu of those made by its officers and employees;
- (4) Reasonable rules and regulations governing the reserve supply of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, and aircraft fuel

⁸Amended by *id.*, section 2.