

U.S.S.R.

PRELIMINARY

According to the latest available information,¹ a new codification of U.S.S.R. air law is under discussion. Many sections of the U.S.S.R. Air Code of 1935 are obsolete and, although not expressly repealed, have been replaced by departmental regulations and directives. This is true particularly with respect to the contract of carriage by air of passengers, luggage and cargo.

AIR CODE OF THE U.S.S.R. OF AUGUST 7, 1935² No. 14/1713

CHAPTER I—GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Sec. 1. The U.S.S.R. shall have complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace of the U.S.S.R.

The airspace of the U.S.S.R. shall be deemed to be the airspace above the land and water territory of the U.S.S.R. and above such area of the coastal waters as determined by the laws of the U.S.S.R.

Sec. 2. The Air Code of the U.S.S.R. shall be in force within the boundaries of the land and water territory of the U.S.S.R., in the area of the coastal waters as determined by the laws of the U.S.S.R., and in the airspace of the U.S.S.R.

Sec. 3. The effect of the following sections of this Code shall extend to all kinds of aviation and aeronautics, with the exception of the air fleet included in the Armed Forces.

Sec. 4. The civil air fleet of the U.S.S.R. shall be used for the following purposes:

a) air transportation (carriage by air of passengers, luggage, cargo and mail);

b) rendering service to agriculture and forestry, as well as other branches of the national economy of the U.S.S.R. (sowing from aircraft, fight of plant pests, aerial forest survey, air warden service, rendering service to fishery, game and trapping, etc.);

c) scientific research work;

d) geodesy and cartography (air photography);

e) medical and sanitary service (first medical aid, malaria fight, etc.);

f) cultural and educational, as well as sport purposes (service for economic and political campaigns, aeroclubs and the like).

Sec. 5. The planning of the entire civil aviation and civil aeronautics, with the exception of those under the jurisdiction of the Main

¹ M. Anilants, *Kodifikatsiia sovetskogo vozdushnogo prava* (The Codification of Soviet Air Law).

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