

Piloting of aircraft shall in all cases be entrusted to persons having the title of pilot.

The crew of an aircraft shall consist of members of the flight service (a pilot, other than the one in command of the aircraft, the flight mechanic, navigator, air radio operator and others) and other servicing personnel.

*Sec. 22.* The commanding officer of a civil aircraft shall bear full responsibility for the condition of the aircraft and its crew, the preparation of each flight in accordance with Section 45, and its execution.

*Sec. 23.* All persons on board the aircraft, without exception, shall obey and carry out all the orders of the commanding officer of a civil aircraft.

Persons whose actions threaten the safety of the flight, or who disobey the instructions of the commanding officer, shall be prosecuted. During the flight, the commanding officer of an aircraft shall have the right to use all necessary measures against persons who disobey his instructions and who, by their action, threaten the safety of the flight.

*Sec. 24.* Should the civil aircraft be in danger, the commanding officer and all members of the flight service of the operating personnel of the aircraft shall have the duty to use all means to rescue the passengers and the operating personnel, and furthermore the commanding officer shall be the last to leave the aircraft.

In case of a crash, forced emergency landing and the like, the commanding officer of the civil aircraft shall, in observance of the interests of the organization managing the aircraft, as well as of those of the owners of the cargo, conclude in their name all agreements and take all measures necessary under the circumstances, and he shall be responsible to them for the correctness of his action.

*Sec. 25.* The commanding officer of a civil aircraft who intercepts a call from an aircraft or sea vessel in distress, or who encounters an aircraft or vessel in distress, shall have the duty to go to its assistance as far as is possible without subjecting the aircraft under his charge and the persons on it to danger.

*Sec. 26.* In case of military actions directed against the U.S.S.R. from any quarter whatsoever, it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of a civil aircraft to use every means possible to escape the seizure of the aircraft and of the persons, documents and cargo on board.

#### CHAPTER IV—LABOR CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CIVIL AIR FLEET WORKERS

*Sec. 27.* The Code on Service in the U.S.S.R. Civil Air Fleet, approved by the U.S.S.R. Council of People's Commissars,<sup>9</sup> shall determine the order of performance of duties by workers of the civil air fleet under whatever jurisdiction, including disciplinary responsibility and awards.

*Sec. 28.* Labor conditions for the workers of the civil air fleet shall be determined by the general labor laws subject to the exceptions established by this Code and the Code on Service in the U.S.S.R. Air Fleet (Sec. 27).

<sup>9</sup> Since 1946 the Council of Ministers.