

(d) the checking of the presence and condition of wing markings and the signalling equipment of aircraft, as well as of the presence of objects necessary for passenger service and of the established aircraft documents on the aircraft (Sec. 15);

(e) the presence of a summary weather forecast permitting the flight.

NOTE. The rules implementing this section with respect to sport gliders and free balloons shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation in agreement with the interested organizations.

Sec. 46. Clearance of civil aircraft for flight shall be issued only by the order of the chief of the airport, hydro-airport or free balloon port. This order shall be entered in the board journal of the aircraft over the signature of the chief of the airport.

The commanding officer of the aircraft, as well as persons in any other position on whose orders the flight took place, shall be responsible for the takeoff in the absence of an order of the chief of the port.

The take-off of a civil aircraft from other landing places shall be made by the order of the commanding officer of the aircraft, who shall in this case have the full responsibility for the takeoff.

Sec. 47. Flights with passengers shall be permitted only on civil aircraft operated by pilots having qualifications corresponding to the requirements established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation for operating such aircraft (Sec. 19).

Sec. 48. During flights over populated areas a civil aircraft must remain at an altitude assuring a safe landing with the engine shut off on an airdrome or outside an inhabited area.

No testing, experimental or acrobatic flights shall be permitted over populated areas. Exceptions to this rule shall be allowed in individual cases with the permission of the Head of the Main Administration for Civil Aviation.

The jettisoning of any objects whatever, particularly printed matter, from civil aircraft, the taking of photographs and motion pictures, as well as the use of radio sets located on civil aircraft for the transmission of any messages whatever which have no connection with the needs of the particular flight, shall be permitted only with the clearance of the People's Commissariat for the Interior¹⁰ of the U.S.S.R. or its local agencies.

Sec. 49. The participation in the flights of civil aircraft prior to the termination of the governmental test shall be categorically forbidden to all persons other than those entrusted with the testing of aircraft, aviation, and air navigation motors and instruments in the air.

Sec. 50. Air- and hydro-meteorological services for flights of civil aircraft shall be performed gratuitously by the Central Administration of the United Hydro-Meteorological Service in a procedure established by it in agreement with the Main Administration for Civil Aviation.

Sec. 51. Telegrams and interurban telephone conversations concerning weather conditions, takeoff, arrivals, crashes or forced emergency landings of civil aircraft while in flight shall be accepted by agencies

¹⁰ Since 1946 the Ministry of the Interior.