

Sec. 58. The general rules for entry into the U.S.S.R., departure from the U.S.S.R., and transit through the U.S.S.R. shall apply to persons arriving in the U.S.S.R. or departing from the U.S.S.R. by civil aircraft.

Sec. 59. The acceptance and release in regard to customs and passport control, of civil aircraft which perform international flights, shall be carried out at airports and hydroairports or ports for free balloons determined by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation in agreement with the People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade and the People's Commissariat for the Interior¹² of the U.S.S.R.

Sec. 60. If, because of *force majeure* (*stikhiinoe bedstvie*) or for any other reason, a civil aircraft crosses the national boundary of the U.S.S.R. outside the air gates indicated, or not at the indicated altitude or appears to be outside of the air route established for it, such aircraft shall immediately upon ascertaining this fact or upon receipt of a signal demanding its landing, give a signal of distress, descend to a lower altitude, and land at the nearest suitable place.

A civil aircraft which has landed under the conditions stated in this section may continue its flight only with the permission of the Main Administration for Civil Aviation or its corresponding local agencies.

If the aircraft does not obey the signal demanding its landing, it will be forced to land after a second signal.

Sec. 61. If a civil aircraft which is making an international flight suffers an air crash or makes a forced landing before the mandatory landing at the place determined for customs and passport control of the particular craft, then, in the absence at the place of landing of a customs agency, the local authorities must take all the necessary steps for the protection of the cargo, luggage and other property on board the craft and for the fulfillment of all the required passport formalities.

The same rule shall apply in instances where an aircraft making an international flight suffers a crash or makes a forced landing in the U.S.S.R. after fulfillment of the customs and passport formalities required for exit.

The Main Administration for Civil Aviation shall issue rules in implementation of this section, in agreement with the People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade and the People's Commissariat for the Interior¹³ of the U.S.S.R.

Sec. 62. Civil aircraft not entered into the register of Civil Aircraft of the U.S.S.R. may be subject to examination for the determination of its airworthiness:

(a) if the U.S.S.R. has no agreement with the State concerned regarding recognition in the U.S.S.R. of the documents issued by that State on the airworthiness of the civil aircraft;

(b) in case of an air crash and disclosure of technical defects of the aircraft.

Sec. 63. Regular international flights along the international air routes shall be conducted according to the rules established in treaties made by the government of the U.S.S.R. with foreign States and

¹² Since 1946 the Ministries of Foreign Trade and Interior, respectively.

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