

The rules for the shipping of mail shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation in agreement with the People's Commissariat¹⁴ for Communication.

Sec. 72. Shipping by air of explosive substances, arms, ammunition, poisonous, easily inflammable substances or carrier-pigeons, shall not be permitted without the special authorization of the Main Administration for Civil Aviation and the Main Administration of the North Sea Route (depending on jurisdiction).

The rules for the shipping of photographic and motion picture cameras, or of objects the shipping of which is admissible only if special conditions are complied with, shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation.

Sec. 73. Rates for passenger transportation and shipping of luggage and cargo shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation and the Main Administration of the North Sea Route (depending on jurisdiction) as approved by the Council of Labor and Defense.

Rates for carrying mail shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation and the Main Administration of the North Sea Route (depending on jurisdiction), in agreement with the People's Commissariat¹⁵ for Communication, and they shall be approved by the Council of Labor and Defense.

Sec. 74. The passengers and consignors of cargo or luggage must strictly observe the provisions of this Code and the rules issued in its implementation. In case of non-compliance the air carrier shall have the right, irrespective of the application of Section 86, immediately to rescind the carriage contract without refunding the payment made by the passenger or the sender of the cargo or luggage.

Sec. 75. If the flight is cancelled, the air carrier must refund to the passenger the sums paid by him for the passage; if the flight is interrupted during the journey it must take the passenger and his luggage to the place of destination by the fastest means of transportation [available]; but in case of impossibility or if the passenger refuses to make use of other means of transportation [it must] return the value of the paid passage or the transport of luggage, in proportion to the unused part of the journey.

Sec. 76. The rules of international conventions to which the U.S.S.R. is a party and, in the absence of such rules, the provisions of this Code and the rules issued in its implementation shall apply to the international carriage of passengers, luggage, and cargo.

Sec. 77. The international carrying of mail by air shall be made in conformance with the international conventions of the U.S.S.R. concerning carriage of mail.

CHAPTER IX—LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES IN CONNECTION WITH CONVEYANCE
BY AIR AND PROCEDURE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES OVER
DAMAGES

Sec. 78. Any institution, enterprise, organization, or person exploiting a civil aircraft shall be liable, under the laws of the Soviet Union and Soviet republics, to repair damages caused by death or bodily

¹⁴ Since 1946 Ministry of Communication.

¹⁵ *Idem.*