

Article 122. The transportation of mail by air shall be made by aircraft owned by the State or, if need be, by aircraft of Argentine registry.

Article 123. The provisions of law pertaining to the mails shall apply, where pertinent, to mail transported by air.

Article 124. The operators of air transportation services shall carry such mail as may be assigned to them in accordance with the regulations in force.

The order of priority for postal shipments delivered to such carriers for shipment shall be according to the following schedule: 1) passenger, 2) postal shipments, 3) baggage, and 4) freight.

TITLE IX—SEARCH, AID, AND RESCUE

Article 125. Upon request by the competent authority, any owner of an aircraft shall be under a duty in so far as he is able to render aid in the search for aircraft.

Article 126. The commander of an aircraft in flight shall render the following assistance:

1. Aid to other aircraft in flight which find themselves in a situation of imminent danger;

2. Rescue of persons in danger because of damage sustained by the aircraft transporting them.

Article 127. There shall be no duty to render assistance when any of the following circumstances occur: when aid is better assured from other sources; when rendering such aid would greatly endanger persons on board the aircraft, or when there is no possibility of rendering useful aid.

Article 128. If aid was rendered without the existence of a duty to do so, the operator of the aircraft shall have a right to compensation only when he has saved, or helped to save some person.

Article 129. Aircraft which only rendered aid to another aircraft or which participated in the search mentioned in Article 125, shall have a right to be reimbursed for expenses arising therefrom and for damage sustained during the operation or as a direct consequence thereof.

Article 130. The operator of an aircraft which saved some person shall have a right to reimbursement for the costs incurred by such rescue and for damage sustained during the operations or as a direct consequence thereof.

The reimbursement shall be the responsibility of the operator of the aircraft aided and may not exceed the value of the aircraft immediately preceding the accident.

Article 131. Operators of aircraft which salvaged some property shall be entitled to compensation, paid to them according to the risks involved and the expenses and damages sustained by the rescuer, the difficulties of the rescue work, and the danger incurred by the rescued² and the value of the property saved.

Payment of the compensation which in no event may exceed the value of the property saved, shall be made by the owners thereof in proportion to the value, and the rescuer may claim directly from the

² The Spanish text read "socorrido" meaning "rescued". This may be an error, and the word should be "salvador" (rescuer).