

7. When the safety measures prescribed by title XI have not been adopted;

8. When the enterprise resists investigation of its technical, economic and financial condition.

Article 177. If any agency has information of any of the situations described in clause 5 of the preceding article, it shall make it known to the proper authority so as to enable it to intervene in defense of the rights and interests of the State.

Article 178. Prior to a declaration of revocation or withdrawal of certification a hearing shall be granted to the person concerned in order to enable him to produce evidence in his favor. The competent authority shall set up the procedure to be followed.

TITLE XIV—STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Article 179. At the end of six months the following actions shall be barred:

1. Any action to claim any preference granted by Article 53. Such period shall begin to run from the moment the debt accrues.

2. Any action against an operator for an amount which another operator had to pay in any of the cases mentioned in Articles 165 and 167. Such period shall begin to run from the date of payment.

Article 180. At the end of one year, the following actions shall be barred:

1. Any action for recovery for damages caused to passengers or goods being shipped. Such period shall be reckoned from arrival at the destination point, or from the day on which the aircraft should have landed, or from the day on which the shipment was detained, or from the day the person was declared missing and presumed dead.

2. Any action for recovery for damages to third parties on the ground. Such period shall begin to run from the date on which the event occurred. If it does not appear that the injured person had knowledge of the damage, or of the identity of the person responsible therefor, such period shall begin to run from the time when he could have had such knowledge. In these cases, the action shall be barred at the end of three years beginning on the date when the damage occurred.

3. Any action for recovery for damages resulting from a mid-air collision. Such period shall begin to run from the day on which the event occurred.

Article 181. Actions for compensation and reimbursement in cases of search, aid and rescue shall be barred at the end of two years. Such period shall begin to run from the day on which such operations were completed.

TITLE XV—JURISDICTION, POWERS, AND APPLICABLE LAW

Article 182. All matters concerning aerial navigation in general and the establishment and operation of airports intended for international and interstate air travel or for air services connected with these in particular are hereby declared subject matter of national leg-