

Section 15. Nationality of Aircraft.

(1) Civil aircraft, entered on the Aircraft Register (section 16), as well as all military aircraft of the Federal Army shall possess Austrian nationality. They shall bear Austrian identification marks.

(2) The identification mark shall consist of a nationality and a registration mark. The registration mark shall be assigned to a civil aircraft by the Federal Civil Aviation Office as soon as the requirements for entry in the Aircraft Register are met.

Section 16. Aircraft Register.

(1) The Federal Civil Aviation Office shall maintain a record of civil aircraft (Aircraft Register). Parachutes shall be exempt from registration. The Aircraft Register shall be available for inspection to everybody.

(2) A civil aircraft shall be entered in the Aircraft Register, upon application by the operator, if:

- a) the operator of the aircraft is
 - aa) an Austrian citizen, or
 - bb) a foreigner who has his residence in Austria and the aircraft is primarily destined for use in Austria,
- b) it is not registered in another State, and
- c) it is, in case of import from abroad, properly customs-cleared. This shall not apply to aircraft which were manufactured in the customs territory from parts produced abroad on which duty was paid.

(3) National treatment shall be granted to:

- a) corporations and institutions of public law having their seat in Austria;
- b) clubs which have their seat in Austria and whose chairman as well as at least two-thirds of its other board members have their residence in Austria and are Austrian citizens;
- c) open partnerships and limited partnerships provided they have their seat in Austria and all personally liable partners are Austrian citizens;
- d) other corporations, cooperative societies and other juridical persons, provided they have their seat in Austria and at least two-thirds of the officers are domiciled in Austria and are Austrian citizens.

(4) The Federal Ministry of Transport and Electric Power shall issue, by ordinance, detailed provisions for the setting up and maintenance of the Aircraft Register.

Section 17. Airworthiness.

An aircraft shall be airworthy when, according to the technical standards of the time, safety of operation is ensured on the basis of its type of construction and technical equipment.

Section 18. Recognition of Foreign Licenses by Decree.

Foreign civil aircraft licenses shall, upon application, be recognized as valid by the Federal Civil Aviation Office by written decree (section 12, paragraph 1, subparagraph b), provided that:

- a) the requirements under which civil aircraft licenses are issued in the State concerned are at least equal to the respective Austrian requirements with regard to airworthiness;