

(2) The air transport operators shall be liable to the Postal department for such consignments to the same extent that the Postal department in turn is liable in accordance with the international agreements in force.

B. AIRCRAFT CHARTER ENTERPRISES

Section 116. Charter Permit.

(1) The permission of the provincial governor shall be required (charter permit) to engage in the business of chartering civil aircraft.

(2) Civil aircraft may only be chartered to persons holding the civil air pilot license required for the operation of the aircraft concerned.

Section 117. Requirements for the Issuance of a Charter Permit.

(1) The charter permit shall be granted when :

a) the applicant possesses Austrian citizenship, is reliable, technically qualified, and is the operator of the aircraft to be chartered (section 13);

b) safety of operation is ensured, and there is a need therefor.

(2) Prior to the issuance of the charter permit, the competent Chamber of Commerce as well as the community in which the aircraft charter enterprise is to be operated, shall be given the opportunity to state their views.

(3) The charter permit shall contain such conditions, terms or limitations as may be required in the interest of traffic safety.

Section 118. Revocation of the Charter Permit.

The charter permit shall be revoked by the provincial governor when :

a) one of the requirements in accordance with section 117, paragraph 1, is no longer met or was lacking at the time of the issuance of the permit and this defect continues to exist, or

b) when operations have been suspended for more than a year.

PART VIII—SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION

A. FLIGHT SAFETY

Section 119. Definition of Flight Safety.

Flight safety shall comprise :

a) the regulation of air traffic including the direction of movements at airdromes,

b) assistance to air navigation by means of position-finding aids (air navigational aids),

c) flight information,

d) flight weather services,

e) enforcement of safety regulations applicable to aircraft,

f) clearance of aircraft and crews by the aviation authority,

g) telecommunications for flight safety purposes.

h) cooperation in the search and rescue services serving aviation, in particular, cooperation in the warning service.

Section 120. Duty to Assure Flight Safety.

(1) The Federal Civil Aviation Office shall be responsible for the safety of flight. It shall establish such field stations for the purpose