

*Article 6.* Registration of an aircraft in conformity with the regulations issued in application of this law shall confer Belgian nationality [on such aircraft].

*Article 7.* Births or deaths that occur on board a Belgian aircraft in flight shall be deemed to occur on the territory of the Kingdom.

As soon as possible, and not later than within three days, a report shall be made and recorded in the log book by the aircraft captain, in the presence of two witnesses and, in case of a birth, if possible in the presence of the father of the child. Such record in the log book shall be signed by the captain, by the witnesses and, if possible, by the father of the child.

The captain shall transmit two true copies of the report thus recorded, signed and certified by his hand, at his first landing in the Kingdom or, as the case may be, in the Colony and territories under mandate of Belgium, to the nearest recording officer (*officier de l'état civil*); abroad, to the nearest Belgian diplomatic agent or career consular agent. One copy of such transmittal shall be recorded on the register of the recording officer or the diplomatic agent or career consular agent and the other shall be sent by them to the Minister charged with the administration of aviation, who shall forward it for recording in the registers, depending on the situation, either to the recording officer of the domicile of the father of the child or of his mother if the father is unknown, or to the recording officer of the domicile of the deceased.

In the case of the disappearance during a flight of a person aboard a Belgian aircraft, the captain shall record in the log book a report containing all facts known to him about the identity of the disappeared person, the place, date and hour of his departure [on the aircraft] and of his disappearance, his probable destination, the route followed by the aircraft, the circumstances of the disappearance or its discovery. If possible, the original report shall be drawn up in the presence of two persons on board and shall be signed by them and by the captain; the latter shall make two true copies thereof signed and certified by his hand. At the first landing in the Kingdom such copies shall be deposited with the aviation authority or, in its absence, with the nearest judicial authority. Such [authority] shall, without delay, transmit one such copy to the King's attorney [*procureur du Roi*] and the other to the Minister charged with the administration of aviation. The latter shall transmit an identical certified copy to the King's attorney of the domicile of the disappeared person and, in the case of a foreigner, to the consular authority of his country.

When the first landing after discovery of the disappearance takes place in the colony or the territories under mandate of Belgium, the two identical certified copies shall be deposited with the nearest territorial authority and, using therefor the safest and fastest means, transmitted by the latter to the provincial commissioner who shall immediately send them to the Governor General; one such copy shall be sent to the Minister charged with the administration of aviation in the Kingdom and the other shall be deposited in the archives of the government general of the Congo.

When the first landing after discovery of the disappearance takes place abroad, the two certified copies shall, by the safest and fastest