

*Article 17.* There shall be punished by imprisonment of from eight days to one year and by a fine of from twenty-six francs to one thousand francs, or by only one of these penalties, any person who pilots an aircraft without possessing the warrants and licenses of qualification required by the laws and regulations.

Imprisonment shall be not less than fifteen days and the fine not less than three hundred francs if, at the time when the unlawful act was committed, there was a passenger aboard the aircraft.

There shall be punished by the same penalties, any person who, in whatever manner, aids or abets the unlawful act specified in the preceding paragraphs.

*Article 18.* There shall be punished by a fine of from twenty-six francs to one thousand francs, and by imprisonment of from eight days to five years, any person who, without authorization from the operator, uses an aircraft or attempts to use it.

*Article 19.* There shall be punished by imprisonment of from fifteen days to one year and by a fine of from one hundred francs to one thousand francs, or by only one of these penalties, any captain who pilots an aircraft despite the withdrawal of his license.

Imprisonment shall be not less than three months and the fine not less than one thousand francs, if, at the time when the unlawful act was committed, there was a passenger aboard. There shall always be a prison sentence.

*Article 20.* There shall be punished by imprisonment of from eight days to three years and by a fine of from twenty-six francs to three thousand francs, or by only one of these penalties, any captain who violates the provisions of the decrees issued in application of Article 4 of this law.

In the case of escape or refusal to land, he shall be sentenced to imprisonment of from six months to five years and to a fine of from one thousand francs to five thousand francs.

Any captain who violates the provisions of this article shall land on the nearest Belgian customs airport or on such airport as may be indicated to him.

If he has noticed that he is over a prohibited area, he shall give a distress signal and shall land forthwith.

If he has not noticed it, he shall land as soon as he is asked to do so.

*Article 21.* There shall be punished by imprisonment of from eight days to one year and by a fine of from one hundred francs to one thousand francs, or by only one of these penalties, any captain who violates the regulations concerning lights and signals or the navigation of aircraft.

*Article 22.* There shall be punished by imprisonment of from eight days to one year and by a fine of from twenty-six francs to one thousand francs, or by only one of these penalties, any captain who loads or unloads passengers or goods in violation of any regulations.

*Article 23.* There shall be punished by imprisonment of from eight days to one year and by a fine of from twenty-six francs to one thousand francs, or by only one of these penalties, any captain who flies over an inhabited area or any other place populated at the time of the flight, such as a beach, race course, or stadium, at an altitude which is less than that prescribed in the regulations.