

b) state its position on matters which the Minister of Highways and Public Works, either on his own motion or upon request of any Minister of State, may deem convenient to submit for the consideration of the Council;

c) render opinions on such questions as may be raised by the public administrative agencies with respect to the application of conventions of this Code, or of laws and regulations relative to air navigation, by means of consultations initiated by the Minister of Highways and Public Works.

Art. 13. The National Council of Aeronautics shall be empowered, whenever it deems it convenient, to summon on its own initiative and for its purposes of information any person who by reason of special knowledge might be able to aid in the clarification of problems submitted to it for its consideration.

Art. 14. The members of the Council shall serve for a term of five years subject to reappointment.

Art. 15. The National Council of Aeronautics, with the aid of a permanent Secretary without vote, shall meet at least once a month in regular session, and, in extraordinary session, whenever it shall be deemed necessary.

Art. 16. The Council shall establish working methods and regulate its operations by means of internal rules.

Art. 17. The permanent Secretary of the Council shall be appointed by the Minister of Highways and Public Works from officials on the staff of his Ministry; and the personnel necessary to carry out the functions of the Council shall be selected by this person from officials on the staff of the Ministries of War, Navy, and Highways.

CHAPTER II—AIRCRAFT

Art. 18. For purposes of this Code, an aircraft shall be deemed every and any machine, suitable for transportation, which may rise and be flown in the airspace.

Art. 19. Aircraft shall be classified as public or private:

1. The following shall be deemed public aircraft:

a) military aircraft;

b) those which may be used by the State in the public service.

2. All others shall be deemed private aircraft.

Sole Paragraph. However, all aircraft commanded by persons on active duty with the National Armed Forces shall be deemed military; aircraft engaged exclusively in commercial or postal service shall be deemed private aircraft when operated by civilians.

Art. 20. Aircraft shall be deemed of the nationality of the State in which its certificate of registry is properly recorded, and they may not fly over Brazilian soil unless they have a nationality and one nationality only.

Sole Paragraph. Cases involving training flights by duly authorized aircraft shall be resolved according to the provisions of the regulations to be promulgated for this purpose.

Art. 21. Aircraft of nations which are signatory parties to international conventions ratified by Brazil, or to which it has adhered shall be permitted to fly over Brazilian soil, when this authorization has been given, or when there is special temporary authorization for this purpose.