

- (f) combatting fires, floods and other natural calamities; and
- (g) personal needs.

Air transport of passengers, luggage, freight and mail shall be carried out by virtue of transport contracts in conformance with the legal provisions in force.

Contracts concerning the aviation matters listed under letters "b", "c", "d", "e", and "f" shall be concluded in compliance with the conditions provided in model contracts or in the general conditions approved by the Minister of Transport and Communications, and by the head of the department, to which the respective economic and cultural activity belongs.

The aviation activity of the Voluntary Organization for Assistance of the Defense shall be determined by a regulation approved by the Council of Ministers.

Sec. 6. The Ministry of Transport and Communications shall exercise control over all civil aviation activity and over all civil aircraft and equipment regardless of jurisdiction and ownership. It shall issue regulations binding on all departments, enterprises, offices, organizations and persons concerned with the technical operation of civil aircraft, civil airports and airfields and the flights of civil aircraft; [the Ministry] shall approve standards for the design and construction of civil airports and airfields in conjunction with the Ministry of National Defense.

Sec. 7. Civil aircraft, devices and equipment as well as land, structures and ground installations serving civil aviation shall be property of the State. They shall be operated by the civil aviation agency at the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and shall form its basic means.

The civil aviation agency at the Ministry of Transport and Communications shall have the exclusive right to conclude contracts on air transports in the country and contracts for performance of other works and services for payment. With the consent of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, other State agencies and enterprises may keep civil aircraft, devices and equipment for their own needs, without performing for payment any aviation activities or services for other agencies, enterprises, organizations, or persons.

With the consent of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, cooperative and public organizations may possess and operate civil aircraft for their own needs.

With the permission of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Bulgarian citizens may possess civil aircraft for personal use.

Sec. 8. Bulgarian transport, customs, currency, sanitary, quarantine and other legal provisions concerning entry into, and departure from the country, import and export of property, as well as transit through the territory of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, shall apply to civil aircraft, their crews and passengers arriving in, or departing from the People's Republic of Bulgaria, as well as to property imported or exported by aircraft.

II. CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Sec. 9. Civil aircraft are all aircraft except those under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Defense and the Voluntary Organization for the Assistance of the Defense.