

In certain cases, upon permission of the Ministry of Transport and Communications in conjunction with the Ministry of the Interior, foreign citizens may work in civil aviation.

Documents of aviation competency of flight personnel shall be issued and cancelled in a manner prescribed by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

*Sec. 18.* Flight personnel of foreign aircraft in flight over the territory of the People's Republic of Bulgaria must have documents attesting to their aviation competency issued or confirmed according to the regulations in the country in which the aircraft has been registered.

In such case, documents of aviation competency shall be recognized as valid on the basis of reciprocity between the two countries provided the requirements made on the persons to whom the documents are issued are similar or exceed established international minimum standards.

*Sec. 19.* Civil flight personnel participating in the operation of aircraft (pilot, navigator, flight radiotelegrapher, board technician and other persons designated by an order of the Minister of Transport and Communications), together with the persons who perform auxiliary work aboard during flight (stewards and others) shall form the crew of a civil aircraft.

The composition of the crew shall be determined in accordance with the type of the aircraft and the nature of the flight. Flights with incomplete crew shall be forbidden.

*Sec. 20.* Every civil aircraft in flight shall be directed by a commander who must have the specialty of flyer-pilot with enough experience and skill to permit independent direction of the aircraft concerned.

The commander shall be in charge of the aircraft entrusted to him from the time of the assignment of the flight task until the time of its termination. He shall be responsible for preliminary preparations and the performance of the flight in accordance with the established rules in regard to the preservation of the aircraft and the lives of the persons aboard.

The commander shall observe the laws and ascertain that the other members of the crew and the passengers observe the laws.

Orders of the commander of the aircraft pertaining to the flight and to the observance of the established order on board shall be binding on all persons on the aircraft.

The commander of an aircraft may take any necessary measures against persons who do not follow his orders, including putting them off the aircraft at an airport en route.

In case of a birth or death on board during flight, the commander of the aircraft shall immediately inform the proper People's Council if the aircraft lands on the territory of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, and if it lands abroad, the Bulgarian diplomatic or consular representative.

*Sec. 21.* Duties of members of the crew of civil aircraft shall be determined by the Minister of Transport and Communications.

#### IV. AIRPORT AND GROUND EQUIPMENT FOR FLIGHT SAFETY

*Sec. 22.* Taking off and landing of civil aircraft shall be carried out on fields designated for that purpose, airports or airfields, depending upon the type of the plane and the nature of the flight.