

REPUBLIC OF CENTRAL AFRICA

DECREE No. 62/218 OF OCTOBER 5, 1962, CONCERNING OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR AIRCRAFT FOR TRANSPORTATION AND AERIAL WORK IN THE REPUBLIC OF CENTRAL AFRICA ¹

TITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Subject to the provisions of Article 2, this decree shall apply to aircraft for transportation of passengers and aerial work of any nationality, which flies over the territory of the Republic of Central Africa.

Article 2. The operation of aircraft suitable for transportation of more than ten persons (not including the crew) shall be subject to the provisions of regulations concerning public transport aircraft.

Article 3. Except for the responsibilities incumbent on the crew members by virtue of the regulations, the aircraft commander shall be responsible for the operation of the aircraft. It shall be incumbent upon him to make final decisions necessary for safety and, in particular, to postpone departure or to change destination during a flight.

TITLE II

PARTICULAR PROVISIONS REGARDING INACCESSIBLE AREAS

Article 4. As the Central African territory is considered an inaccessible area as regards forced landing and rescue of aircraft in distress, the overflight of such territory shall be subject to the provisions of this Title.

Article 5. The following flights are authorized for all aircraft:

1) Local flights, *i.e.*, flights limited to a circle of a radius of 20 km from the center of the airport of departure, except overflights of the territory of the Congo (Leopoldville).

2) Flights over the routes and the area specified in Annex 1 of this decree.

Article 6. Any flight outside the areas and routes specified in the preceding Article 5 shall be made only with authorization from the authority of jurisdiction.

Such authorization is granted with particular regard to proper performance of the aircraft, its proper equipment, and the competency of its crew. It may be subject to the operator undertaking to state in writing that expenses necessary for search and rescue will be reimbursed.

¹ *Journal Officiel*, vol. No. 21, p. 588, Nov. 1, 1962.