

(2) Prima facie evidence of any such instrument as aforesaid may in any legal proceedings be given by the production of a document purporting to be certified to be a true copy of the instrument by, or on behalf of, the Minister.

34. Any person who—

(a) contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of any regulation or order made under this Act; or

(b) obstructs or impedes any person in the exercise of his powers and duties under this Act or under any regulation or order made thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

Offences.

35. Every person who is guilty of an offence under this Act shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalties.

36. Where any person is convicted of an offence under this Act, the court by which he is convicted may, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed for the offence, direct that the aircraft or article, if any, in respect of which the offence was committed, shall be forfeited to Her Majesty.

Power of court to order forfeiture.

37. All offences under this Act shall be cognizable offences for the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, notwithstanding anything contained in the First Schedule of that Code, and shall be triable summarily by a Magistrate.

Offences to be cognizable and to be triable by Magistrates.

38. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“aerodrome” means any definite or limited ground or water area intended to be used, either wholly or partly, for the landing or departure of aircraft and all buildings, sheds, vessels, piers, and other structures thereon or appertaining thereto;

“aircraft” means any machine that can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air;

“airship” means any power-driven lighter-than-air aircraft;

“balloon” means a non-power-driven lighter-than-air aircraft;

“Ceylon aircraft” means aircraft registered in Ceylon under this Act;

“Chicago Convention” means the Convention on International Civil Aviation which was signed at Chicago on the 7th day of December, 1944, as amended by any subsequent convention or agreement;

“citizen of Ceylon” means a citizen of Ceylon under any law for the time being in force;

“crew”, in relation to an aircraft, includes any person having duties on board in connexion with the