

Article 62. The owner shall be considered the operator of an airdrome or airport, except when another person has been certified as operator in a public document or when due recordation thereof has been made in the National Register of Airdromes.

Article 63. The operator shall be liable for damages and injuries occurring on or outside of an airdrome or airport, as the result of acts of air services performed therein, provided negligence on his part can be shown or on that of his employees, and such negligence shall be presumed except when the contrary is proved. Operators may recover from those directly responsible for the damage.

Article 64. Airdrome or airport operators shall be liable to the Government or to third persons for any violation of laws or official orders, without prejudice to any right of recovery on their part against the persons committing such violation.

Article 65. At every airdrome or airport of entry there shall be national customs and health services, for which the airport operator must provide space and to which the captain must render the necessary assistance.

Article 66. Airdromes and airports shall be included in the services directly related to air navigation, and their establishment shall constitute an important reason for the exercise of eminent domain.

The National Government may expropriate airdromes and airports for purposes of national defense, or in order to prevent a monopoly of air transportation. Such purposes shall constitute important reasons for the exercise of eminent domain.

Article 67. Any Department [territorial division] or Municipality may transfer ownership of its airdromes or airports to the National Government.

Article 68. Servitudes for airdromes or airports shall be imposed on surrounding land in accordance with the following rules:

1) Within the area surrounding an airdrome, no planting, building or other permanent or temporary work may be undertaken without securing prior authorization from the Government, when the area around such works would at any point touch at the minimum distance "D" of the area surrounding the airport, equal in meters to the result calculated according to the following formula, in which "H" represents the height of the airdrome above sea level, expressed in meters:

$$D=800-\frac{H}{6}$$

2) The Government may refuse authorization when such plantings, buildings or other permanent or temporary work, whose height is expressed in meters as "h" exceed the results calculated according to the following formula where "d" represents the minimum distance separating the buildings or works in question from the nearest point of the airport area, and "H" the height of the airdrome above the sea level, expressed in meters:

$$h=\frac{d}{20}-\frac{H}{125}-10$$