

Board and the third by mutual agreement between the parties. Nevertheless, in any matter which relates to the performance of administrative functions, the appellant, if he prefers, may address his appeal to the Minister of Interior, who shall render a decision within thirty days following presentation of the appeal.

Article 136. The resolutions of the Board in the form of technical opinions on matters within their own discipline, shall be endowed with the highest probative value in both administrative and judicial jurisdictions.

Article 137. The civil aviation companies shall designate a person of Costa Rican nationality to represent them in the temporary absence of a manager or assistant manager, with adequate powers and in the role of a special delegate in any proceedings and business with which these companies are concerned.

PART VII. TRANSITIONAL AND REPEAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER I. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 138. The present members of the Civil Aviation Board and the Director General of Aviation shall commence to perform the first period of their functions on this date.

Article 139. Until such time as regulations are promulgated, the Board may decree, provisionally and with binding power and in accordance with provisions of Article 57 of this law, observation of the regulations and standards in the air regulations of the United States of America, adapting these to the circumstances and needs of the domestic air transport.

CHAPTER II. REPEALS

Article 141. This law repeals or modifies the relevant portions of any conflicting law or decree.

PART VIII. DEFINITIONS

Article 142. For the proper application of this law, the significance of technical terms employed therein are defined in the following sections:

- a) *Airport*: a defined area of land or water, including its buildings, installations and equipment, intended wholly or partially for the landing, take-off, movement, and service of aircraft;
- b) *Airman*: a person who is engaged in navigation of aircraft such as a pilot or crew member. An individual who is charged with inspection, maintenance, repair of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers or appurtenances, and one who serves as aircraft dispatcher or in charge of controlling air traffic shall also be so designated;
- c) *Aeronautics*: the science and art of flying;
- d) *Aircraft* or *Airship*: devices known or which may be invented in the future, lighter or heavier than air, used in navigation or intended for flight in the atmosphere;
- e) *Civil Aircraft*: aircraft which is not military or State aircraft;