

cards) issued or validated by the State in which the aircraft is registered.

(2) The Ministry of Transport shall validate competency certificates granted, or recognized as valid by the State in which the aircraft is registered provided reciprocity is offered or the conditions under which such certificates were granted or validated equal or exceed the minimum conditions internationally prescribed.

(3) For the purpose of air navigation over the Czechoslovak state territory the Ministry of Transport may refuse to recognize a competency certificate granted to Czechoslovak citizens by another State.

(4) If, instead of diplomas and identity cards, a uniform certificate is introduced in some State, the provisions contained in Subsections 1 to 3 hereof, shall apply to such certificate.

SECTION 17. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CAPTAIN

The captain of a civil aircraft shall bear full responsibility for the aircraft and its crew, for the preparation of each flight (Sec. 33) and for the completion of such flight.

SECTION 18. AUTHORITY OF THE CAPTAIN

(1) Orders of the captain of a civil aircraft issued within his authority shall be carried out by the crew and passengers.

(2) In the course of a flight, the captain of a civil crew shall have the power to take any necessary measures against persons, who, by their conduct, endanger the safety of the flight and fail to submit to his orders.

(3) If an offense has been committed aboard a Czechoslovak aircraft, the captain of the aircraft shall initiate the necessary investigation.

(4) Before the authority of jurisdiction takes over, the captain of a Czechoslovak civil aircraft shall perform all acts which cannot suffer delay. If necessary, he shall have any suspect temporarily detained, the passengers and crew searched, and the articles which may serve as evidence secured.

SECTION 19. MEASURES IN CASE OF DANGER AND ACCIDENT

(1) If a danger to a civil aircraft is imminent, the captain of the aircraft and the crew shall take any and every measure to save the passengers and the crew; the captain shall abandon the ship last.

(2) If an accident or emergency landing takes place, the captain of a civil aircraft shall protect the interests of the owner of the aircraft as well as the interests of the owners of the cargo; he shall have the right to act in their behalf and assume for them rights and obligations as far as it is necessary for the protection of their interests.

SECTION 20. ASSISTANCE IN DISTRESS

The captain of a civil aircraft who has received a distress signal of other aircraft or vessel or has found them in distress, shall render assistance, provided he is able to do so without danger to the aircraft entrusted to him and to the persons aboard the aircraft.