

DAHOMÉY

Ordinance No. 26/GPRD/MTP, December 27, 1963. Code of Civil Aviation.¹

BOOK I. AIRCRAFT

Art. 1. In the application of this Code, an aircraft shall be deemed to be any contrivance which can maintain itself, and move in the air.

Art. 2. Aircraft used for military, customs, or police services, are subject only to the rules concerning liability of the owner or operator.

However, the provisions of Article 53 shall apply to aircraft used for military, customs or police services provided they are not incompatible with the purpose of such aircraft.

TITLE I. OWNERSHIP, MORTGAGE, AND ATTACHMENT OF AIRCRAFT

CHAPTER I. REGISTRATION, NATIONALITY, AND OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT

Art. 3. Every civil aircraft must be registered in a register kept by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, under conditions fixed by decree. The registration identifies the aircraft. It shall be shown by a certificate of registration.

Art. 4. Any aircraft registered in the register specified in Article 3 shall have Dahomey nationality and must bear the nationality and registration marks provided for in the regulations.

Art. 5. Aircraft may be registered in Dahomey only if it is owned by a natural or legal person or persons of Dahomey nationality.

There may also be registered in Dahomey, when authorized by decree of the Council of Ministers, aircraft belonging to natural or legal persons of foreign nationality which have an establishment in Dahomey.

Art. 6. An aircraft registered in Dahomey shall use Dahomey nationality when the conditions specified in the preceding article are not complied with, or when the owner registers it in a foreign country.

Art. 7. An aircraft which is registered abroad may be registered in the Dahomey register only after showing that the foreign registration has been cancelled.

Art. 8. Legal relations between persons aboard an aircraft in flight shall be governed by the law of the country of origin of such aircraft.

However, when a crime or misdemeanor is committed aboard a foreign aircraft, the courts of Dahomey shall have jurisdiction when the person who commits the crime, or against whom it is committed, has Dahomey nationality, or when the aircraft lands in Dahomey subsequent to the commission of the crime or misdemeanor.

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