

sengers and its cargo, shall be made in the offices and by the respective officials with the greatest possible speed, and shall be expedited as much as compliance with the laws and regulations permits and in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 295 of February 13, 1932.

There shall be gratuitously furnished to the pilots or commanders of aircraft, with the same procedure, speed and accuracy, all reports requested by them from the corresponding centers, establishments or offices on the weather or atmospheric or maritime conditions over all the territory, on supplies of fuel, water, repair shops, mechanical parts, or other commodities which may be needed; on routes, communications, topographic or hydrographic charts, signals, etc.; on medical aid and on anything, in any form, which may be necessary or conducive to greater safety and efficiency of air navigation. The messages which public officials or employees must send by national telegraph, telephone or radio, in order to give this information shall be considered "official" and "urgent".

CHAPTER II.² GENERAL DIRECTION OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS AND AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Article 8. There is hereby created a General Direction of Civil Aeronautics, as a specialized and technical organization under the jurisdiction of the Secretariat of State for War, Navy and Aviation, to deal with matters relating to civil aviation. This organization shall be headed by a Director General, as many assistants as may be necessary, and such other employees as may be required for the best possible performance of the functions assigned to it under the present law.

The Director General, as well as his assistants and employees, shall be appointed by the Executive Power.

Article 9. The Director General of Civil Aviation shall have sufficient independence and authority to resolve and dispose of all matters within his jurisdiction and to take all measures he considers pertinent to enforce the decisions of the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation, and of the Executive Power in all matters concerning civil air navigation.

Paragraph.—In addition to the powers conferred on it by the regulations, and by the decisions of the Executive Power and of the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation, the General Direction of Civil Aeronautics shall:

1. Establish direct and supervise all services necessary to the efficient operations of civil air navigation, particularly those relating to air traffic, air information, control centers, signals, and search and salvage, guided by the procedures and manuals of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

2. Coordinate with the Dominican National Army, Navy and the military Air Force, and other departments of the Administration, in order to obtain the participation of these organizations in the various services specified in the preceding paragraph, particularly insofar as concerns the loan of technical personnel, communications, search and salvage, meteorology, maps and charts.

² Note: Chapter II, Article 8-13, were repealed and replaced by Law No. 4119 of April 20, 1955. *Gaceta Oficial*, April 30, 1955.