

If it considers it proper, the Secretariat of State for War and Navy may initiate an investigation in order to ascertain the facts and the cause of such loss or deterioration, for the purpose of taking appropriate action.

*Article 27.* The registration of any aircraft may be cancelled without prior notice whenever the Executive Power deems it proper.

*Article 28.* All civil aircraft shall bear distinctive markings of their nationality and registration.

*Article 29.* The Dominican nationality marking for aircraft shall be the letters HI.

*Article 30.* Registration marking shall be placed after the nationality marking, separated therefrom by a hyphen, and shall consist of a number.

*Article 31.* Registration and nationality markings may be placed on the aircraft or attached thereto in any other manner which gives them comparable permanency. Markings should be clean and visible at all times.

*Article 32.* On aircraft lighter than air, the markings must appear in the locations indicated below, and the lateral markings must be visible both from the sides and from the ground:

a) *Dirigibles:* Markings on a dirigible shall appear on each side thereof, and also on the upper portion above the center line. They should be displayed along the sides near the transversal section of the greatest diameter of the dirigible;

b) *Spheric balloons:* Markings on a spheric balloon shall appear twice, diametrically opposite each other, and placed near the maximum horizontal circumference of the balloon;

c) *Non-spheric balloons:* Markings on a non-spheric balloon shall appear on both sides, and shall be placed near the transversal section of the greatest diameter of the globe, immediately above the rigging band or at the connecting points of the suspension cables of the gondola, or as near as possible thereto.

*Article 33.* On aircraft heavier than air the markings shall appear on the upper and lower surfaces of the wings. They shall be placed in the middle of the right side of the upper surface, and in the middle of the left side of the lower surface of the wing structures, unless they extend across the total of both upper and lower surfaces, of the wing structure. The markings shall be placed, as far as possible, equidistant from the nose and trailing edge of the wings. The upper portion of the letters and numerals shall be turned toward the leading edge of the wings. In addition, the markings should also appear on each side of the fuselage (or equivalent structure) between the wings and the tail surfaces, or on the upper halves of the vertical tail surfaces. When placed on only one vertical tail surface, they must appear on both sides thereof; and if there is more than one vertical tail surface, they must appear on the outside of each of the exterior surfaces. If an aircraft heavier than air does not have parts corresponding to those described in this article, the markings must appear in a form which will permit easy identification of the aircraft.

*Article 34.* The letters and numerals of each individual group of markings shall be of equal height. On aircraft lighter than air, the height of the markings shall be at least 75 centimeters (30 inches); and on aircraft heavier than air, those on the wings shall be at least