

Transfers of title and mortgages on aircraft shall be valid only when they are recorded in the National Aviation Register.

Transfers of title and establishment of mortgages on Ecuadorian aircraft if made abroad, shall be performed before the consul of the place who shall transmit them to the Ministry of Foreign Relations. To be valid they must be recorded in the National Aviation Register which may be made through the above mentioned consular officer, who shall record such transactions in the register of the consulate and transmit the pertinent true copies for recordation in the National Aviation Register.

In all cases the legal transactions mentioned above must be recorded on the registration certificate.

The Director of Civil Aviation may not record a legal transaction concerning an aircraft unless there is prior presentation of the registration certificate containing the required annotations.

The regulations shall specify the requirements for recordations and for transfer of title to an aircraft.

*Art. 9.* Any Ecuadorian aircraft which is flying over the high seas shall be subject to Ecuadorian law.

Legal acts which take place aboard an Ecuadorian or foreign aircraft, while it is within the national territory, shall be subject to Ecuadorian law. Acts taking place on Ecuadorian aircraft outside the national territory shall be subject to the law of the country where they are flying.

Crimes shall be governed by the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Births and deaths which occur in flight shall be recorded in the flight log and reported to the authorities of jurisdiction or the duly accredited Ecuadorian consul at the place of landing, depending on whether the event occurred on Ecuadorian or on foreign territory.

For all legal effects such births or deaths shall be deemed to have occurred on Ecuadorian territory and shall be reported to the Director General of (Vital) Statistics.

*Art. 10.* Mortgages may be established on aircraft and accessories thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code.

*Art. 11.* No one may lay out or construct an airport or an installation intended for installation intended for aviation without the respective authorization from the Ministry of National Defense which may not grant it without the consent of the general staff of the Armed Forces.

Airports and installations shall be under the control of the Ministry of National Defense which shall exercise it in accordance with the rules and regulations.

In particular circumstances private airports may be declared works of public use.

Except with the permission of the Director General of Civil Aviation, it shall be prohibited to construct walls, houses, chimneys, electric transmission lines, or any other building or obstructions, or to plant and keep trees at a distance less than nine hundred meters from a runway whose elevation above sea level is less than two thousand meters, and at a distance less than twelve hundred meters from air dromes whose elevation above sea level is two thousand meters or more.