

EL SALVADOR

Decree No. 2011, Law on Civil Aviation of December 20, 1955 ¹

TITLE I

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. Sovereignty. The airspace above Salvadorean territory shall be subject to national sovereignty.

For purposes of this law the term "Salvadorean territory" includes the land area of the Republic of El Salvador, the territorial waters and adjacent islands.

Art. 2. Regulation of air navigation. Civil air navigation over Salvadorean territory shall be regulated by this law and the international treaties and conventions adhered to by this country.

Art. 3. Jurisdiction. For purposes of inspection, supervision, and control of civil air navigation, any civil aircraft on Salvadorean territory or flying over it, its crew, passengers, and goods transported, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Salvadorean authorities.

Art. 4. Law applicable to aircraft in flight. The following shall be subject to Salvadorean law:

I. Acts performed and events taking place aboard Salvadorean aircraft in flight, whether over Salvadorean territory, over the high seas or over stateless territory.

II. Acts performed and events taking place aboard Salvadorean aircraft in flight over the territory of a foreign State, except in cases which affect the safety or public order of the subjacent State.

III. Acts performed and events taking place abroad foreign aircraft in flight over Salvadorean territory or stationary thereon, when such acts or events affect the safety or public order of El Salvador or when they cause or may cause consequences on Salvadorean territory.

Art. 5. Civil and commercial transactions. Any civil or commercial transaction and any event of a civil nature taking place abroad a Salvadorean aircraft shall be deemed to have taken place on the territory of El Salvador and the Salvadorean law shall apply.

CHAPTER II. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Art. 6. Regulation of civil aviation. The regulation of civil aviation shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Executive Power acting through the Ministry of Defense in matters of technical aviation matters and safety, and through the Economics Branch in economic matters.

The direction and supervision of civil aviation shall be exercised by an administrative agency called Department of Aviation ² which

¹ Pub. in *Diario Oficial*, vol. 169 (1955), p. 9400.

² Changed to "Department of Civil Aeronautics" by Decree No. 107, July 10, 1962, see *infra*.