

Art. 153. Aircraft of personal use. Owners or operators of aircraft of private service used for personal purposes and without remuneration, and which are not included in Article 159, shall not require special authorization to fly. It shall suffice if they obtain the respective registration and that their licenses, certificates of airworthiness and log books are valid.

Art. 154. Guarantees. Owners and operators of aircraft referred to in Article 158 must comply with all the provisions on safety for air navigation included in this Law and its regulations. In addition they must guarantee, through insurance or security deposited by bonded person, adequate coverage for liabilities they may incur for damages to persons or property of third persons on the ground.

CHAPTER XIII. AGRICULTURAL AVIATION

Art. 155. Definition. Agricultural aviation shall be considered to be that branch of aeronautics organized, equipped and trained to protect and promote the development of agriculture in all of its aspects, for the following relevant objectives:

- a) Preparation of the soil through use of fertilizers and improvers of soil;
- b) Seeding;
- c) Combating agricultural diseases;
- d) Application of deleafing materials, fertilizers, insecticides, weed killers and hormones;
- e) Artificial seeding for rain; and
- f) Any other scientific application of aviation for agrarian purposes as may be approved by the competent authorities.

Art. 156. Authorization. Authorization for aviation services in connection with agricultural aviation, as well as the equipment and flight personnel participating in said services and operations, shall perform in conformity with the Regulation on Agricultural Aviation.

Art. 157. Public use. [Amended by Decree 2732, *Diario Oficial*, October 24, 1958]. Activities of agricultural aviation shall be considered as of public use. Therefore, the importation of planes, motors, equipment, apparatus, materials, repair parts, accessories, fuel and lubricants shall not be subject to tax of any kind, including in such exemption consular fees or fees for approving of any documents necessary for registration.

The Executive Power shall develop the training of pilots, mechanics, and other specialized technical personnel in this branch of aviation.

Art. 158. Liability. All individual or corporate persons operating aircraft devoted to agricultural operations shall be financially liable for the damages caused to the person or property of third persons on the ground caused by the application of dangerous chemical substances, or by the falling of the plane or by objects dropping or thrown from it.

The Ministry of Defense shall not grant permission to any individual or corporate person wishing to devote himself to any of the activities of agricultural aviation, if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction of the Ministry that it or he is covered by insurance or bond sufficient to repair the damages and losses referred to in this Article.