

tive or other competent authority takes charge of the aircraft, passengers, cargo, baggage and mail.

Article 229. Powers of the commander. The commander or captain of the aircraft may:

I) Issue orders or instructions for the control and management of the aircraft;

II) Maintain order on the aircraft and issue on board the restrictive measures necessary to control disorderly persons, those who commit misdemeanors, or who refuse or fail to render the services corresponding to them.

III) Arrest persons committing crimes, recording information on these acts, and delivering the offenders to the competent authority at the place of the nearest landing.

IV) Suspend a crew member in his functions for serious grounds.

V) Jettison materials in order to save the aircraft from immediate danger.

VI) Vary the route in case of accident or *force majeure*.

Article 230. Duties of the commander. The following are the duties of the commander or captain of the aircraft.

I) To record all births, deaths and other acts which may have legal consequences, and which occur on board during the flight, entering these in the corresponding log book.

II) To adopt the necessary measures to maintain during the trip good flight conditions, equipment and supplies on the aircraft; and to adopt the necessary measures for safety, in case of landing outside of the regular, scheduled airports.

III) To ascertain whether the aircraft and crew possess the documents and books required by the laws and regulations.

IV) To ascertain whether the aircraft and its equipment have been carefully inspected and are in perfect operating conditions.

V) To be in possession of the weather reports on his route; and he should not undertake a trip if he lacks satisfactory reports, at least up to the first point of landing.

VI) To supervise the distribution of the stowage, and prevent a greater weight than that authorized.

VII) To refuse merchandise in obviously bad condition, which may constitute a danger to the aircraft or a serious nuisance to the passengers and crew, and also to refuse prohibited objects.

VIII) To prevent the boarding of persons in abnormal physical or mental conditions which might endanger the order or safety of the flight.

Article 231. Reports. In the cases contemplated in Section I of the preceding Article, the commander or captain of the aircraft may inform the competent Salvadorean authorities at the first place of landing on national territory, or the competent foreign authorities and the Salvadorean consul at the nearest place, if the landing is made outside the country, concerning the facts.

CHAPTER III. OF SALE AND LEASE OF AIRCRAFT

Article 232. Sale of aircraft. The sales and purchases of aircraft must be made in public written instruments.

Article 233. Judicial sale of aircraft. All judicial sales of aircraft must be made at public auction, which shall be advertised by publica-