

devoted, with preference, to cover compensation for death and injuries, and if the amount is not sufficient, it shall be distributed proportionately among the various credits in the case. The remaining amount of the total to be distributed shall be prorated between the compensation due for damages to property and the uncovered portion of the other compensations.

*Article 300. Insurance.* The operator of any national or foreign civil aircraft flying over territory of El Salvador, must be insured with respect to its liability for damages to third persons on the ground up to the limits stipulated according to the weight of the aircraft, in Article 292.

*Article 301. Insurance contracts.* Insurance shall be considered satisfactory if it fulfills the present Law and has been contracted through an insurer authorized by the Government of El Salvador, or of the country of registration of the aircraft, when it concerns foreign aircraft, or by the government of the country in which the insurer is domiciled or has its headquarters, and whose solvency has been satisfactorily demonstrated.

*Article 302. Other security.* In the absence of insurance, any of the following guarantees shall be considered satisfactory if they observe the requirements indicated in Article 320:

- a) A deposit in cash deposited in the *Banco Central de Reserva*.
- b) A bond issued by a banking institution, duly authorized for this purpose by the Government of El Salvador, or by the government of the country of registration of the aircraft, when it covers foreign aircraft.
- c) With respect to foreign aircraft, a guaranty of the State where the aircraft is registered, if said State promises not to invoke immunity or exception of any nature in any suit brought with respect to said guarantee.

*Article 303. Statement of insurer.* All civil aircraft flying over Salvadorean territory must carry a document issued by the insurer, in which it is stated that insurance has been contracted in accordance with this Law, and which specifies the person whose liability is covered by the insurance, accompanied by a certificate issued by the Ministry of the Treasury in the case of Salvadorean aircraft, or by the competent authorities of a State where the insurer has his domicile or principal headquarters, declaring the financial solvency of the insurer.

If another category of security has been deposited in accordance with Article 302, a certificate on this matter shall be issued by the Ministry of Defense, in case of Salvadorean aircraft, or by the competent authorities of the State of registration of the aircraft in cases of foreign aircraft.

*Article 304. Exceptions.* According to Articles 301 and 302, the insurer and guarantors of the operator's liability may only file exceptions in any complaints based on the application of this Law, as follows:

- a) When the damage occurred after the insurance or the guarantee had lapsed. Nevertheless, if the period expired during a flight, it shall remain effective until the first landing included on the flight plan, but not to exceed twenty-four hours; if they lapse for reasons other than expiration of the time for which they were taken out, or because of change of operator, they shall be kept in force up to fifteen days after notice to the authority certifying