

FINLAND

AVIATION LAW OF MAY 25, 1923, No. 139¹

Article 1. Aviation within the territorial boundaries of Finland may take place only in conformance with this law and regulations and instructions issued pursuant thereto.

Article 2. Aviation within the territorial boundaries of Finland shall be performed only with aircraft of Finnish nationality or which fulfill the provisions of Article 5.²

By aircraft shall be meant such airplanes, motor balloons and free balloons which can be utilized as vehicles of conveyance.

Article 3. An aircraft shall have Finnish nationality when it is registered in a Finnish public register and provided with nationality and registration markings, or when it is owned by the State or has been transferred to the State for its exclusive use.

Article 4 (As amended by law of April 15, 1932, No. 106). An aircraft may be registered only if it has Finnish owner.

Finnish owners shall be deemed the Finnish State, Finnish nationals, Finnish companies, associations, other corporations and foundations.

If the owner is a company, association, other corporation or foundation, the members of its board of administration must be Finnish nationals resident in Finland who are shareholders in the company, or members of the association or corporation. In special cases the Cabinet³ may allow an exemption from this provision, but not for the chairman of the board of administration and not for more than one third of other members of it.

Necessary data concerning the aircraft and its owner and concerning the acquisition of an aircraft by him shall be entered in the Register. The Register shall be kept by an official as provided for by the regulation.

Article 5. An aircraft of other than Finnish nationality may navigate within Finnish territorial boundaries when:

- a) the aircraft possesses a nationality and registration certificate or analogous certificate issued by the competent authority of a foreign country with whom a treaty has been concluded granting a right to aircraft of such country to navigate within the territory of Finland;

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² The Finnish Aviation Law contains only general provisions. Particular provisions concerning nationality, foreign aircraft, registration of aircraft, airworthiness, crew, etc., are contained in the Regulation on Aviation, Mar. 12, 1937, No. 127, as amended, issued by the President of the Republic.

³ According to the Constitution of Finland the Cabinet consisting of the Prime Minister and ministers, shall decide upon matters which, according to the law, are within its competence and are not explicitly assigned by the Constitution or Laws to the President of the Republic, ministers, or subordinated authorities (Art. 38 to 41 of the Constitution).