

## **FRANCE**

### **PRELIMINARY**

The Decree No. 55-1590 of November 30, 1955 provided for Codification of the French aviation laws on the basis of Law No. 53-515 of May 28, 1953 (*Journal Officiel*, May 29, 1953, p. 4842), which envisaged future codification of the aviation laws. It was, in form, based on the Decree of May 10, 1948 (*Journal Officiel*, May 13, 1948), creating a commission for the study of codifying laws and regulations.

The noteworthy feature of the French aviation code is that it is the work of the Executive branch of the government without having been passed by the Legislative. Thus, the Code is, as the enabling decree preceding it states, a codification of the legal provisions concerning civil and commercial aviation and not a new law as to substance.

The Code replaces all air laws abrogated in accordance with its Article 198 the first of which was the law of May 31, 1924. The Code has been amended in several respects. The texts of these amendments are set forth below.

According to information received from the respective U.S. Embassies, the following countries (formerly French Colonies) apply the French air law.

### **CAMEROON**

Cameroon still operates under the provision of the civil aviation law of France. However, according to the Cameroon Director of Civil Aviation, a new civil aviation code for Cameroon has been drafted and will be submitted to the next session of the Cameroon Federal Assembly for consideration and approval. The text of the proposed code will conform with similar new codes to be adopted in all the countries of the Union of Metropolitan Africa in order that they may have a common and uniform civil aviation code.

### **GUINEA AND IVORY COAST**

Guinea and Ivory Coast continue to operate under the French air law.

### **MALI**

Mali continues to operate under the French air law promulgated in Dakar by the former French administration for French West Africa. A communiqué of the Council of Ministers, published on March 11, 1963, advised that, with the assistance of a French technical advisor, a selective revision of some of the civil air regulations was under consideration.