

ferred to another State except by prior extinction of recorded rights or with the consent of the persons entitled thereto. Until this condition has been fulfilled, the official in charge of the register must refuse any cancellation.

Chapter III—Attachment and Judicial Sale of Aircraft

Article 13. When there is an attachment of an aircraft that is registered in a State party to the international convention for the recognition of rights in aircraft, no judicial sale may be had when the rights that have preference over those of the attaching creditor cannot be satisfied by the sale price or when they are not assumed by the purchaser.

However, when a mortgaged aircraft causes damage to third persons on the ground on French territory, the provisions of the preceding paragraph may not be invoked against such persons or their representatives in attacking the aircraft which caused the damage or another aircraft of the same owner.

Article 14. In the case of a seizure for infringement of a patent, design or model, the owner of a foreign aircraft or his representative may have the seizure lifted upon deposit of a bond the amount of which, failing an amicable agreement, shall be fixed without delay by the justice of the peace at the place of seizure.

Article 15. When the owner of the aircraft is not domiciled in France or the aircraft has a foreign nationality, any creditor shall have the right of impounding with the permission of the justice of the peace of the county where the aircraft has landed.

The judge in charge shall lift the seizure if the owner offers to deposit a bond equal to the amount of the debt claimed and he may order lifting of the seizure by fixing the amount of the bond to be furnished in the case of a dispute about the amount of the debt. Such bond shall be deposited at the office of deposits and consignments (*caisse des dépôts et consignations*).

In the case of damage caused on the surface by the landing of a foreign aircraft or by one whose owner is domiciled abroad, and also in the case of a violation of this Law by a foreigner, all agents charged under Article 55 with the execution of Articles 1 to 58 and 114 to 126 of the present code, and in particular the mayor of the community where the landing takes place, may appeal to the public authorities in order to detain the aircraft for 48 hours so that the justice of the peace may go to the place in question and may decide on the amount of damages, which amount should include not only the damage caused but in the case of a violation, also the fines and costs.

Article 16. The public authorities shall have the right to impound any French or foreign aircraft which does not comply with conditions provided for in this book before engaging in air circulation or the pilot of which has committed any violation.

Title II—Navigation of Aircraft

Chapter I—The Right of Circulation

Article 17. Aircraft may freely engage in air navigation over the French Territory. However, aircraft of foreign nationality may not so circulate over the French Territory, unless this right has been