

minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation may, at the expiration of eight days after notice has been given to such carrier, impound the aircraft used.

Article 131. Coordination between air transportation and transportation on the ground or by water shall be assured by the ministers concerned after consultation of any organizations in existence or which may be established.

The membership and operation of such organizations shall be the subject of regulations.

Article 132. Air carriers shall be subject to the technical control exercised by the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation in order to insure air safety.

Expenses incurred by such control shall be borne by the carriers.

Article 133. Control by the State of air carriers shall be exercised as follows:⁷

a) As regards technical operation and working conditions for the personnel by the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation;

b) As regards commercial operation and administrative regulation under the rules specified above or, as regards a carrier authorized in an overseas country or licensed by a public organization other than the State, by the ministers concerned.

Article 134. The minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation may delegate certain functions of control to a technical organization set up for this purpose.

Article 135. Authorized carriers must on request by the officials in charge of control open to them for inspection all documents which are necessary for the exercise of their functions.

Article 136. The conditions of application of Articles 129, 130, and 132 shall be fixed by decree of the Council of State.

Title III—The “Compagnie Nationale Air France”

Chapter I—Incorporation

Article 137. The corporation entitled “Compagnie Nationale Air France” shall be subject to the provisions of this Code and, insofar as they are not in conflict with this Code, by the laws concerning corporations.

Its purpose is to assure the operation of air transportation under the conditions established by the minister in charge of civil and commercial aviation after agreement, if necessary, with the other ministers. No subsidy may be allocated for the routes operated in competition with other French air lines.

It may establish or manage enterprises of a nature that is related to its main purpose or participate in enterprises of such kind, after authorization has been granted by decree of the council of ministers. However, it may not establish or manage any enterprise of manufacture of aeronautical equipment, nor participate in such enterprises.

Article 138. To the amount of 30% of the capital, the State must sell stock in the Compagnie Nationale Air France to:

- 1) Interested public groups and organizations in France and the French Union;

⁷ See Decree No. 62-197 of February 19, 1962 for jurisdiction of Labor Division of Post Office Department under Art. 96 of the Labor Code, Book 2. (J.O., March 14, 1954.)