

CHAPTER II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 2. The State shall exercise complete and absolute sovereignty over the airspace above its territory.

In the sense of this law or the regulations the term "Greek territory" shall include the territorial waters and the airspace above them.

Article 3. The provisions of this law shall apply only to civil aircraft.

Article 4. The Greek State shall have full power during partial or total mobilization, or when war is imminent, to mobilize all administrative, technical and flight personnel of private air carriers or the personnel of private air carriers or the personnel of only one of these groups when it is subject to the provisions of the Law on Recruitment.

For the same reasons, the State shall have power to requisition private installations, airdromes, aircraft, machines, tools and instruments of any kind and, generally, all materiel found under whatever conditions on Greek territory at the time when mobilization is proclaimed.

The State may also issue orders for the immediate return to Greek territory of all national aircraft abroad at the time when mobilization is proclaimed or expected.

Details of such requisitions shall be determined in accordance with applicable conventions but when such case is not provided for in a convention or no convention has been concluded, compensation shall be determined in accordance with the laws on requisitions.

Article 5. 1. Relations between passengers aboard an aircraft on an international flight shall be regulated by the law of the country whose nationality the aircraft has.

2. The Greek criminal courts shall have jurisdiction over crimes committed aboard foreign aircraft in the following cases:

- a) When the felony or misdemeanor is committed by a Greek citizen or the injured party is Greek.
- b) When the aircraft lands on Greek territory after the felony or misdemeanor has been committed.
- c) When the Greek laws on public safety, the finance laws, or the military laws are violated.
- d) When a Greek civil aviation law or pertinent regulations are violated.

3. The courts of venue for crimes specified in paragraph 2 shall be those of the place where the aircraft has landed.

Article 6. Commercial transportation of passengers and goods between two points of Greek territory and transportation of Greek air-mail shall be reserved to Greek aircraft. However, special licenses which, in all cases, must be of a temporary nature, may be granted to foreign aircraft provided the interests of the national air carriers are not thereby affected and the Greek Government has consented thereto.

Article 7. The laws regulating land and water transportation shall apply to air transportation insofar as this law, the regulations and the international Convention on air navigation do not provide otherwise.

Article 8. Consent of the Air Ministry shall be required for operating any air transportation service, for the establishment of aviation schools, for the installation of private airdromes and of any other organization or installation relating to civil aviation.