

GUATEMALA

CIVIL AVIATION LAW ¹

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. The Republic of Guatemala exercises full and exclusive sovereignty over the air space above its territory and its territorial waters.

Article 2. The Republic of Guatemala will grant or deny authorization to fly over its territory, or to land within its limits, to private airplanes, whether they be of Guatemalan or foreign nationality.

Article 3. Any aircraft which flies in the territory of the Nation or which is within its limits is subject to the laws of the Republic and the jurisdiction of its authorities.

Article 4. It is prohibited to fly over the national territory or to land on it without prior authorization, and aircraft and their crews who violate this provision shall be subject to the penalties established in this law.

Article 5. Aerial navigation and, in general all movements of national or foreign aircraft over the territory of the Republic is subject to the control of the Ministry of Communications and Public Works, through the Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics, in cases determined by this law.

Article 6. The operation of the Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics shall be regulated by the provisions of this law and the regulations.

CHAPTER II. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS

Article 7. The duties and purposes of the Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics are the following:

1) To make studies and proposals referring to the development of civil aviation and all industrial and scientific applications whereof, for the benefit of the economic and social interests of the Nation.

2) To comment on all contracts and proposals solicited or offered by air carriers for the exploitation of flight routes or other applications of civil aviation in the Republic.

3) To study, propose and provide information on international civil aviation conventions, conferences and congresses, as well as on the participation or adherence thereto by the Republic.

4) To issue, renew, suspend or cancel registration or airworthiness certificates of national aircraft and licenses of pilots and other aeronautical personnel on national aircraft in the cases specified and provided for in this law and in the regulations.

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