

Article 111. The liability of public carriers with respect to mail transported shall be governed by the respective contract between the carrier and the Government.

Article 112. The provisions on civil liability prescribed in this law are not applicable to the owners, operators or exploiters of aircraft engaged in aerial work, tourism, study or experimentation. Such aircraft shall be governed by the common laws of the Republic.

Article 113. The Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics, with the support of the Ministry of Communications and Public Works, shall study, report on, and do everything possible for the establishment in the country of a system of insurance offered or backed by companies of adequate financial responsibility, to the end that the public may have an opportunity to enjoy additional protection, with respect to trips or shipments by air, through the payment of moderate premiums.

CHAPTER IX. ATTACHMENT AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Article 114. Except in the case of mortgages as provided for in this law, attachment or judicial detention shall not be imposed on an aircraft used in public transport service, whose owner has complied with the provision on guarantee prescribed in Article 59 of this law.

Article 115. The right to bring action for damages or other indemnifications against public carriers shall terminate with respect to persons and property after a period of one year counted from the date of the accident, or act or omission which caused it.

CHAPTER X. AERONAUTICAL ACCIDENTS

Article 116. Any official having knowledge of an aerial accident must immediately advise his immediate superiors and the nearest aeronautical authority by the most rapid means.

Matters of immediate aid to persons shall be governed by the existing regulations on this subject.

They shall provide further as to a guard over the aircraft or its wreckage, assuring, insofar as possible, that nothing is removed until the proper authority is informed and acts accordingly.

Article 117. In every case of accident, the Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics shall send a technical commission for expert investigation, in order to issue an opinion concerning the possible causes of the accident and concerning all other measures which it considers necessary for finding the cause of the accident and determination of responsibility. The Directorate General shall send a copy of the results of its official investigation to the company affected and to the corresponding judicial authority.

Article 118. When the accident occurs at sea, the authority which obtains knowledge of it shall inform the nearest maritime authority by the most rapid means, so that assistance may be provided.

The commander of the naval unit sent to aid shall make an inventory of the objects recovered and obtain all possible data, and shall report to the judicial authority which has jurisdiction over the matter.

If possible the aircraft shall be towed to port with all precautions necessary to prevent aggravating the damage.