

HONDURAS

Decree No. 146 of the Military Junta of the Government. Considering that the Aviation Law of March 14, 1950 did not include the most recent progress on the subject, which it is necessary to include in a new code;

Considering that the Republic of Honduras joined in the recommendation of the Republics of Central America and of Panama to adopt the Code of Civil Aviation which constitutes the Annex of the Final Acts of the Conference of July 1954; and

Considering that such Code of Civil Aviation must be adapted to the peculiar situation of Honduras;

Therefore, by virtue of the powers invested in us,
It is decreed as follows:

CIVIL AVIATION LAW ¹

TITLE I

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. The air space above the territory of the Republic of Honduras shall be exclusively and absolutely subject to the national sovereignty.

For the purpose of this Law, said territory shall comprise the land area, the submarine platform or continental and insular shelf, the territorial waters and adjacent islands in both oceans, that are or may be under the sovereignty, jurisdiction or rule of the Republic.

Article 2. Civil air navigation over Honduran territory shall be governed by this law and by the regulations issued thereunder and by the international treaties and agreements on this matter in effect in the Republic. Consequently, any civil aircraft that is found in national territory or that flies over national territory, its crews, passengers and baggage, shall be subject to the jurisdiction and competence of the Honduran authorities for inspection, supervision, and control of civil air navigation.

Article 3. The following shall be subject to the national laws:

- a) Acts executed and events occurring on board Honduran aircraft during flight, whether over Honduran territory, over the high sea or over territory that is not under the sovereignty of any State;
- b) Acts executed and events occurring on board Honduran aircraft during flight over territory of a foreign State, except in those cases where the safety or public order of the underlying state is affected; and
- c) Acts executed and events occurring on board foreign aircraft that fly over Honduran territory, or that are located in it,

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