

when such acts or events affect the safety or public order of Honduras or when they produce or may produce such effects in the national territory.

Article 4. Criminal acts that occur on board any aircraft over a foreign territory or territorial sea, when its first point of landing is in Honduran territory, shall give the competent authorities the right to determine whether such acts must be adjudged according to the laws of Honduras.

Article 5. All civil or commercial transactions and all events of a civil character that occur on board a Honduran aircraft shall be considered to occur on Honduran territory, and the national law shall be applicable.

CHAPTER II. GENERAL DIRECTION OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS

Article 6. The General Direction of Civil Aeronautics shall be under the supervision of the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Development (*Fomento*) and it shall have the following jurisdiction:

I. To guarantee the safety of air navigation and transportation, for which it shall issue and revise periodically:

a) Flight rules regarding:

- 1) Air navigation;
- 2) Protection and identification of aircraft;
- 3) Flight rules for aircraft, including altitude of flight and crossing, meteorological minimum conditions, rules for visual and instruments flight, and all matters related to the control of flight within the national territory;

b) Requirements relative to the granting, validation, confirmation, and cancellation of licenses of technical aviation personnel, and requirements regarding maximum hours and service periods of flight personnel;

c) Regulations and minimum standards which govern with relation to:

- 1) Use of materials, use of manual labor, inspection, repair, service and operation of airplanes, of airplane engines, propellers and vital parts and pieces;
- 2) Equipment and facilities needed for such inspections, services and repairs;
- 3) Frequency and manner in which such inspections, maintenance and repairs are to be effected;

d) Rules and proceedings applicable to auxiliary services of air navigation, including communications, radio navigation, meteorology, marking of routes and airports and search and salvage operations.

II. To grant licenses and certificates of qualification to aviation ground personnel and to crews, to authorize, suspend, cancel and maintain a record of these licenses and certificates of qualification.

III. To maintain records of markings of nationality, registration and airworthiness of aircraft and to furnish legal and certified copies.