

d) Two hundred thousand lempiras plus six lempiras for each kilogram over twenty thousand kilograms for aircraft that weigh more than twenty thousand but not exceeding fifty thousand kilograms;

e) Four hundred thousand lempiras, plus four lempiras per kilogram over fifty thousand for aircraft that weigh more than fifty thousand kilograms.

Article 252. For the purposes of this law, "weight" shall mean the maximum weight of the aircraft authorized for take-off by the airworthiness certificate excluding the effect of buoyant gas, when it is used.

Article 253. The operator of any civil aircraft whether national or foreign, that flies over Honduran territory must be insured for liability for damages to third parties on the ground up to the limit established according to the weight of the aircraft in conformity with Article 251.

Article 254. Insurance shall be considered satisfactory if it conforms to the provisions of this law and if it has been contracted for with an insurance company accepted by the Ministry of Development or, with respect to foreign aircraft, legally authorized by the country of registration of the aircraft.

Article 255. Compensation for death or injuries to persons on the ground who may suffer damages caused by accident, by *force majeure*, or by negligence, shall be the same as that established in Articles 221 and 223, respectively; but if it involves several persons, such compensation shall be divided proportionately and according to each case, but the total shall not exceed the limits specified in Article 251.

Article 256. If the person who suffers the damages proves that they were caused by a deliberate action or omission of the operator or his employees, the liability of the operator shall be unlimited and shall be governed by the provisions of Article 224.

Article 257. When damage is caused simultaneously to persons and to property, a third of the compensation shall be used for payment of damages to property, and two-thirds for damages caused to persons.

FOURTH SECTION. DAMAGES CAUSED TO THIRD PARTIES ON THE GROUND IN CASE OF COLLISION

Article 258. In case of damages caused to third parties on the ground by collision of two or more aircraft, the operators thereof shall be jointly liable to the victims for the damages up to an amount equal to the sum for which all aircraft in the collision are liable for the accident, under the preceding section.

Article 259. If the collision was caused by the negligence of one of the aircraft, the operator of the innocent aircraft shall have the right to demand of the operator of the other the value of the compensation for which he would have been jointly liable to the victims.

If there has been contributory negligency, the operator of the aircraft who, as a consequence of joint liability, has paid a sum greater than was due shall have the right to claim the excess amount from the operator of the other aircraft.

Article 260. If the collision was accidental or was caused by *force majeure*, each of the operators of the aircraft shall be liable within the