

ACT No. XXII OF 1934.

(PASSED BY THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE.)

*(Received the assent of the Governor-General on the 19th August, 1934.)***An Act to make better provision for the control of the manufacture, possession, use, operation, sale, import and export of aircraft.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the control of the manufacture, possession, use, operation, sale, import and export of aircraft: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and extent.—(1) This Act may be called the Indian¹ Aircraft Act, 1934.

(2) It extends to the whole of India and applies also—

(a) to citizens of India wherever they may be; and

(b) to, and to the persons on, aircraft registered in India wherever they may be.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(1) “aircraft” means any machine which can derive support in the atmosphere from reactions of the air, and includes balloons whether fixed or free, airships, kites, gliders and flying machines;

(2) “aerodrome” means any definite or limited ground or water area intended to be used, either wholly or in part, for the landing or departure of aircraft, and includes all buildings, sheds, vessels, piers, and other structures thereon or appertaining thereto;

(3) “import” means bringing into India; and

(4) “export” means taking out of India.

3. Power of Central Government to exempt certain aircraft.—The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, exempt from all or any of the provisions of this Act any aircraft or class of aircraft and any person or class of persons, or may direct that such provisions shall apply to such aircraft or persons subject to such modifications as may be specified in the notification.

4. Power of Central Government to make rules to implement the Convention of 1919.—The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make such rules as appear to it to be necessary for carrying out the Convention relating to the regulation of Aerial Navigation signed at Paris, October 13, 1919, with Additional protocol, signed at Paris, May 1, 1920, and any amendment which may be made thereto, under the provisions of Article 34 thereof.

5. Power of Central Government to make rules.—(1) The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules regulating the manufacture, possession, use, operation, sale, import or export of any aircraft or class of aircraft.

¹ The word “Indian” was omitted by the Indian Aircraft (Amendment) Act, 1960, Act 44 of 1960. See *infra*.