

(2) They extend to the whole of India and apply also (unless the contrary intention appears)—

(a) to, and to persons on, aircraft registered in India wherever they may be;

(b) to, and to persons on, all aircraft for the time being in or over India:

Provided that in the case of aircraft registered in a country other than India, the regulations of that country relating to registration, licensing of personnel, airworthiness and log books shall apply in place of the provisions contained in Parts IV, V, VI and IX of these Rules:

Provided further that the foregoing *proviso* shall not apply to aircraft registered in any country whose regulations are not based on standards at least equal to the minimum standards established from time to time under the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the 7th December, 1944.

2. Nationality of aircraft.—An aircraft shall be deemed to possess the nationality of the State on the register of which it is entered.

3. Definitions and Interpretation.—(1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

“Aerial work aircraft” means aircraft used for an industrial or commercial purpose or any lucrative purpose other than public transport.

“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.

“Aerodrome light” means any light exhibited at an aerodrome for the purpose of assisting the navigation or manoeuvres of an aircraft or of signalling to or from an aircraft.

“Aerodyne” means an aircraft whose support in flight is derived dynamically from the reaction on surfaces in motion relative to the air, and includes all aeroplanes, helicopters, gyroplanes, gliders and kites.

“Aeroplane” means a mechanically driven aerodyne supported by aerodynamic reactions on surfaces remaining fixed under the same conditions of flight.

“Aerostat” means an aircraft supported in the air statically and includes all airships and balloons.

“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.

“Airship” means a mechanically driven aerostat having means of directional control.

“Air transport service” means a service for the transport by air of persons, mails or any other thing, animate or inanimate, for any kind of remuneration whatsoever, whether such service consists of a single flight or a series of flights.

“Balloon” means an aerostat not provided with mechanical means of propulsion.

“Contracting State” means any State which is for the time being a party to the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on December 7, 1944; and any amendment