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Part IX.—Rules as to Aircraft Arriving in or Departing from India.

53. Customs aerodromes and Customs Officers.—The Central Government may for the purposes of this Part—

(a) by notification in the *Official Gazette* declare any aerodrome in India to be a customs aerodrome, and

(b) appoint persons to be Chief Customs officers and Customs collectors, and define the areas within which each such person shall exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed upon him hereunder.

54. Arrival and departure.—(1) No person in charge of an aircraft entering India shall cause it to be landed in India for the first time in any journey except at a customs aerodrome, unless the aircraft is compelled to land before arriving at a customs aerodrome by accident, stress of weather or other unavoidable cause.

(2) No person in charge of an aircraft shall fly the same or allow it to be flown to a place outside India save from a customs aerodrome unless compelled to land after departure from customs aerodrome by accident, stress of weather or other unavoidable cause.

55. Import and export of goods.—(1) No person in any aircraft entering or departing from India shall carry or allow to be carried in the aircraft any goods of which the import or export by sea or by land is prohibited by or under any law for the time being in force.

(2) No person in any aircraft entering India shall break or alter any seal placed upon any part of the aircraft or upon any goods therein by an officer of customs at the aerodrome at which such aircraft departed for India.