the expression "Irish aircraft" means aircraft registered in the State; Irish aircraft.

the expression "the Minister" means the Minister for Industry and Commerce; Minister.

the expression "the operative date" means the date of the passing of this Act; operative date.

the word "prescribed" means prescribed by an order made by the Minister under this Act; prescribed.

the expression "the Principal Act" means the Air Navigation and Transport Act, 1936 (No. 40 of 1936), as adapted in consequence of the enactment of the Constitution and as amended by the Air Navigation and Transport (Amendment) Act, 1942 (No. 10 of 1942). Principal Act.

(2) References in this Act to any country or territory (including the State) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as including references to the territorial waters (if any) adjacent to such country or territory.

(3) This Act shall be construed as one with the Air Navigation and Transport Acts, 1936 and 1942.

Application to State aircraft.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, this Act shall not apply to any State aircraft.

(2) The Minister may by order direct that such provisions of this Act or any order made thereunder as may be specified in such order shall, with or without modifications, apply to State aircraft, and whenever any such order is made and is in force, such of the said provisions as may be specified in such order shall, subject to such modifications (if any) as may be specified therein, have the force of law in the State.

Saving for lighthouse authorities.

4.—Nothing in this Act or any order made thereunder shall prejudice or affect the rights, powers or privileges of any general or local lighthouse authority.

General provisions in relation to orders made by the Minister.

5.—(1) An order made by the Minister under this Act may be made applicable to any aircraft in or over the State or to Irish aircraft wherever they may be.

(2) The Minister shall not, in any order made by him under this Act, make provisions in relation to the Customs except with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance.