

ereignty of the Italian State provided there is reciprocity with the State to which the ship or aircraft belongs.

*Art. 6.* (Law regulating real rights [*in rem*] and mortgages on ships and aircraft.) Property or other real rights, and mortgages on ships and aircraft, as well as the forms of publication of the acts establishing these rights, the transfer and extinction of such rights, shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft.

*Art. 7.* (Law regulating liability of the shipowner and operator.) The liability of a shipowner or operator of an aircraft for the actions of the crew shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft.

The same law shall regulate the legal limits of the total amount of debts or liability of a shipowner or operator for obligations assumed by them personally.

*Art. 8.* (Law regulating the powers and duties of a captain.) The powers, duties and other attributes of the captain of a ship or aircraft shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft.

*Art. 9.* (Law regulating the employment contract.) The employment contracts of seamen, personnel of inland navigation, and flight personnel shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties if the ship or aircraft is of foreign nationality.

*Art. 10.* (Law regulating charter contracts of ships and aircraft.) Lease, charter and transport contracts shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

*Art. 11.* (Law regulating contributions to the general averages.) Contributions to the general averages shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft.

*Art. 12.* (Law regulating obligations arising from ship or aircraft collisions.) Obligations arising from collisions of ships or aircraft on the high seas or other places or in airspace not subject to the sovereignty of any state shall be regulated by the national law of the ships or aircraft if they have a common nationality; otherwise by Italian law.

*Art. 13.* (Law regulating obligations arising from assistance, salvage and recovery.) Obligations arising from assistance, salvage and recovery on the high seas shall be regulated by the national law of the ship or aircraft which has rendered assistance or made the recovery.

The same law shall regulate the partition of the compensation for assistance, salvage and recovery between the shipowner or operator and the crew.

*Art. 14.* (Jurisdiction.) Apart from the cases provided for in Art. 14 of the Code of Civil Procedure, claims concerning the collision of ships or aircraft as well as assistance, salvage and recovery on the high seas or other places or in airspace not subject to the sovereignty of any State may be filed with the courts of the Kingdom if the ship or aircraft which caused the collision or was assisted or salvaged, or