

whether the strength, construction and performance of the aircraft is consistent therewith. However, with regard to aircraft of such type or a type certified under Article 12, paragraph 1, or an imported aircraft or such other aircraft as may be specified by Cabinet Order, a part of the inspection may be omitted.

5. The certification of airworthiness shall be made by issuing an airworthiness certificate to the applicant.

Article 10-(2). Any person who has obtained the approval of the Minister of Transportation for having the qualification and experience as may be stipulated by Ordinance of the Ministry of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "designated airworthiness inspector") may conduct the airworthiness certification with regard to gliders as may be stipulated by Ordinance of the Ministry of Transportation.

2. The provisions of paragraphs 2 to 5 inclusive of the preceding Article shall apply to the airworthiness certification under the preceding paragraph.

Article 11. No aircraft shall be used for air navigation unless certified as airworthy under Article 10 paragraph 1, or paragraph 1 of the preceding Article. However, this shall not apply in cases where the Minister of Transportation has permitted its use for conducting a test flight, etc.

(Type Certification)

Article 12. Upon application, the Minister of Transportation will make a type certification of the design of the type of an aircraft.

2. In cases where there has been an application under the preceding paragraph, the Minister of Transportation shall grant a type certification under the same paragraph when he deems the strength, construction and performance of the type of the aircraft in the application to be consistent with the standards under Article 10 paragraph 4.

3. The type certification shall be granted by issuing a type certificate to the applicant.

4. When making a type certification under paragraph 1, the Minister of Transportation shall ask in advance the opinion of the Minister of International Trade and Industry.

Article 13. Any person who has obtained a type certification shall, when he intends to alter the design of the aircraft of the said type, obtain an approval of the Minister of Transportation. The same shall apply when the aircraft of a type certified as type is no longer consistent with the standards under the said paragraph, in cases where there has been any alteration in the standards under Article 10 paragraph 4.

2. In cases where there has been an application under the preceding paragraph, the Minister of Transportation shall approve it when the design as applied for is consistent with the standards under Article 10, paragraph 4, after he has made an inspection to ascertain this fact.

3. The provision of paragraph 4 of the preceding paragraph shall apply in cases where the Minister of Transportation intends to grant approval under the preceding paragraph.

(Duration of Airworthiness Certification)

Article 14. The duration of a certification of airworthiness shall be one year. However, with regard to any aircraft used for any transport enterprise, it shall be such period as may be stipulated by the Minister of Transportation.