

Presidential Decree No. 51/PC, February 19, 1955, on Compulsory Insurance for Civilian Aircraft;

Upon proposal by the Minister of Public Works and Transportation;

After hearing by the Cabinet Council (Meeting of July 16, 1959);

DECREES

Article 1. The provisions of this decree cancel and replace those contained in Presidential Decree No. 51/PC—February 19, 1955.

Article 2. Airlines operating over the territory of Laos shall subscribe to one or more insurance policies, covering all risks both related and not related to aerial navigation, with insurance companies (of Laos), or with branches of foreign insurance companies resident in Laos and approved by the Royal Government, in accordance with international laws in force for air transportation.

Article 3. Branches of foreign insurance companies resident in Laos and approved by the Government shall be obligated to care for the victims of accidents. Payment of compensation to victims must be made in Laos.

Article 4. Insurance for each aircraft shall cover specifically:
the aircraft for all risks of flight and all risks on the ground;
property belonging to the Administration, the owner of the aircraft, and to third parties;
the crew and the third parties transported (by the aircraft);
the third parties not transported (by the aircraft).

Article 5. Such insurance policies shall cover all risks to the aircraft and to the installations of the airfield open to civilian air traffic, arising either out of the movements of the aircraft (on the ground) or by being stationed (on the airfield) either on the instructions of the owner of the aircraft or of the competent public services.

Article 6. Insurance policies relative to the crew, to third parties transported and to third parties not transported shall cover all risks arising from the movements or from the presence of the aircraft on the airfield.

Article 7. The list of approved insurance companies is established by the Minister of Public Works, with the advice of the Minister of Finance.

Article 8. Foreign companies operating an airline or section of an airline on the territory of Laos are required to indicate and obtain approval of their insurance companies pursuant to article 2 above.

Article 9. Individuals or companies chartering civilian planes, whether imported into the territory of Laos or not, for the purpose of air transportation on the territory of Laos, are responsible for subscribing, for the aircraft so chartered, insurance policies as specified in articles 2 to 5, inclusive, of this decree.

Article 10. Presidential Decree No. 51/PC of February 19, 1955, is and shall remain cancelled to date from this day.

Article 11. The Minister of Finance, the Minister of Public Works and Transportation, the Secretary General of the Office of Council President and the Director of Civil Aviation shall be responsible, each within his own sphere, for carrying out the provisions of this decree.