

LEBANON

AVIATION LAW IN LEBANON, PROMULGATED ON 11TH JANUARY 1949 ¹

The House of Deputies has passed and,
The President of the Republic publishes the following Law:

CHAPTER I—AIR SPACE

Article 1.—The State has complete and absolute sovereignty over the air space of its territory.

The air space is that space covering the territory and territorial waters of the State.

Article 2.—No aircraft is allowed to fly over, or land on, Lebanese territory without first having obtained permission from the Minister of Public Works or having acquired the recognised right to do so under an accord concluded between Lebanon and the country to which it belongs.

CHAPTER II—AIRCRAFT

SUB-CHAPTER 1—TYPES OF AIRCRAFT

Article 3.—For the purpose of this Law, every machine capable of taking off and flying shall be deemed an aircraft. This definition includes airships and balloons of all kinds.

Article 4.—Aircraft shall be classified as Governmental and civilian aircraft.

(a) Governmental aircraft are subdivided into military aircraft and civil aircraft.

1) Military aircraft are those belonging to the army and used for national defence. Their military capacity shall be established by their registration certificates.

2) Aircraft belonging to other public services e.g. Gendarmerie, Police, Customs, Public Health etc. shall be considered as Governmental civil aircraft.

(b) Civilian aircraft are subdivided into Commercial and Private.

1) All aircraft used for the transport of goods, passengers and mail against payment shall be considered as commercial aircraft.

2) Every aircraft possessed by an individual or an organisation and used exclusively for the private purposes of its owners shall be considered as a private aircraft.

Article 5.—The Minister of Public Works shall specify marks distinguishing each type of aircraft.

Article 6.—Each type of aircraft shall be subject to the rules specified in this Law and the decrees and decisions issued thereunder or by international conventions.

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