

report of its findings, including a summary of evidence and other essential information on which the findings are based.

(2) If after receipt of the report new and significant evidence becomes available the Minister may re-open the inquiry.

(3) Where the inquiry concerns an accident to an aircraft registered in another Contracting State the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, forward a copy of the report to that State, and relevant extracts from the report to any other State which has, on request, furnished information to the Board of Inquiry.

PART VIII

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Article 40

(1) A person shall be guilty of an offence if—

Offences

(a) he contravenes or fails to comply with this Law or any regulation, order or instruction made or given thereunder;

(b) he performs any duty or does any act for which a licence, rating or certificate is required without holding the appropriate licence, rating or certificate; or

(c) he commits any act which is likely to imperil the safety of an aircraft or its passengers or crew, or the safety of persons or property on the surface.

(2) The owner, hirer, operator and pilot-in-command of an aircraft which flies in contravention of this Law or any regulation or instruction made or given thereunder shall be guilty of an offence unless he proves that the contravention occurred without his fault or privity.

(3) It shall be a good defence to any proceedings if the offence is proved to have been due to stress of weather or other unavoidable cause.

Article 41

Unless it is otherwise provided, the penalty for an offence against this Law shall be a fine not exceeding L£. 100 or imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months or both.

Penalties

Article 42

(1) Where it appears to the Minister that an aircraft may be flown in such circumstances that the flight would involve an offence under this Law, the Minister may authorise the detention of the aircraft or require such other action in respect of the aircraft as the Minister considers necessary to render the aircraft fit for flight.

Detention of aircraft

(2) In such cases the aircraft shall not be used until the Minister is satisfied that the flight is in accordance with this Law, or until such other action has been carried