

CHAPTER IV.—AIRWORTHINESS

Article 316. The Secretariat of Communications will issue a certificate of airworthiness to show that the aircraft has passed the prescribed tests and technical checks to enable it to fly under satisfactory technical conditions of safety.

The obtaining, suspension and cancellation of the certificate of airworthiness shall be subject to the requirements set forth in the Regulations.

Article 317. Unless there be proof to the contrary, it shall be presumed that aircraft with a valid certificate of airworthiness has taken off under flight conditions which are technically satisfactory.

Article 318. Aircraft, engines and parts which are built, repaired or modified may be placed in service without the approval of the Secretariat of Communications, in accordance with the Regulations.

CHAPTER V.—TECHNICAL AVIATION PERSONNEL

Article 319. The technical aviation personnel shall be composed of the members of the flight crew and the ground personnel attached to the service of civil air navigation.

In order to be a member of the technical aviation personnel, it shall be necessary to hold a valid license to perform specific duties, such license having been granted or recognized by the Secretariat of Communications, which may recognize or validate licenses issued abroad by the competent authorities, provided the requirements under which they were issued or declared valid are at least equal to the minimum regulations in force in Mexico for the granting of such licenses.

The requirements as to age, nationality and good conduct for obtaining aeronautical licenses, the qualifications, physical capacity, examinations, experience and skill necessary to obtain such licenses, the capacity granted to the holders and the powers granted by such licenses shall be specified in the respective Regulations, which shall also specify the duration, conditions for renewal, suspension and revocation of such licenses.

Article 320. The Secretariat of Communications may permit that foreign technicians be employed temporarily to act as advisers or instructors of the Mexican aviation personnel whenever, in its opinion, this may be necessary for the performance of, or improvement on an aeronautical service.

CHAPTER VI.—COMMANDER OF THE AIRCRAFT

Article 321. All aircraft to be used in public transport service shall be under the command of a commander appointed by the operator of the service, and shall be chosen among the pilots who form the flight crew.

The commander shall be responsible for the directing, care, order and safety of the aircraft, the crew, the passengers and their baggage, and the freight and mail carried upon his taking charge of the plane for the takeoff. This responsibility shall cease at the end of the flight, when the representative of the company or any competent authority takes charge of the planes, the passengers, the freight, the baggage and the mail.