

Art. 19. Costs of checking. The costs of checking airworthiness for issuance or keeping intact the validity of the airworthiness certificate shall be specified by ordinance of the Minister of Public Works, after a report of the Minister of Finance, and they shall be charged to the owners of the aircraft checked.

CHAPTER V. LEGAL STATUS OF AIRCRAFT

Art. 20. Description of aircraft. For purposes of this chapter, an aircraft includes the fuselage, the engines, propellers, radio equipment, and all other equipment necessary for its operation.

Art. 21. Legal nature. Aircraft are personal property subject to the rules of the common law, reserving the special rules enumerated in the following articles.

Art. 22. Mortgage. Aircraft may be mortgaged; the provisions concerning mortgages on ships contained in the *dahir* of 28 joumada II, 1337 (March 31, 1919) constituting the code of maritime commerce, shall be applicable to mortgages on aircraft.

However, only debts arising from compensation due for salvage of an aircraft and extraordinary expenses indispensable for the preservation of an aircraft shall be privileged.

Art. 23. Sale. Voluntary sale of an aircraft must be by written instrument.

Forced sale of an aircraft shall take place under the procedure provided for forced sale of ships by the *dahir* of 28 joumada II, 1337 (March 31, 1919) constituting the code of maritime commerce; however, special provisions concerning time periods and notifications may be treated in an ordinance of the Minister of Public Works.

Art. 24. Attachment. Attachment and attachment in execution of aircraft shall be made in accordance with the provisions on ships made by the said *dahir* of 28 joumada II, 1337 (March 31, 1919).

However, other than under Article 236, there may be no attachment of a foreign aircraft in service on a scheduled airline, or of non-scheduled airliner when it is ready for take-off, provided that the State of registration of the aircraft grants the same treatment on its territory to Moroccan aircraft.

In regard to other aircraft which may be attached, such attachment shall be lifted immediately when a sufficient guarantee is deposited.

Art. 25. Recordation. Any change in ownership in an aircraft by act *inter vivos* or by death, any judgment changing, establishing or declaratory of ownership, any act establishing or extinguishing a mortgage, any rental contract and any court record of attachment or attachment in execution, shall be without effect as to third parties unless there is a recordation in the register.

The recordation formalities shall be specified by ordinance of the Minister of Public Works.

TITLE II. AVIATION PERSONNEL

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 26. Categories of personnel. Aviation personnel referred to in this decree includes, on one hand, the flight personnel consisting of the