

An Act to provide for the regulation of civil aviation and to give effect to a Convention on International Civil Aviation signed on behalf of the Government of New Zealand at Chicago on the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-four.

Title.

[26th August, 1948

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Civil Aviation Act, 1948

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Interpretation.

“Aerodrome” means any defined area of land or water intended or designed to be used either wholly or partly for the landing, departure, movement, and servicing of aircraft; and includes any buildings, installations, and equipment on or adjacent to any such area used in connection with the aerodrome or its administration;

“Aircraft” means any machine that can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air;¹

“Air navigation” means the operation of guiding an aircraft from one place to another, and includes the operation of fixing the position of an aircraft when required;

“Air traffic” includes the movement of aircraft on an aerodrome;

“Convention” means the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed on behalf of the Government of New Zealand in Chicago on the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and includes the international standards and recommended practices and procedures adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization, in pursuance of Article 37 of the Convention;

“Minister” means the Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation;²

“New Zealand” includes the Cook Islands, Western Samoa, the Tokelau Islands, and any other territory subject to the protection, trusteeship, or authority of the Government of New Zealand.

¹ Definitions of “aerodrome” and “aircraft” were substituted for the original definitions by section 2(1) of the Civil Aviation Amendment Act 1955, No. 40 (October 20, 1955).

² Definition of “Minister” was inserted by section 2(2) of the Civil Aviation Amendment Act 1955.