

Article 7. Public transportation aircraft are civil aircraft used in transportation of persons, cargo, or mail, by virtue of certificates of operation or authorization granted by the Executive Power in conformity with the provisions of Chapter IX of this Code.

Aircraft used in the development of agriculture in any of its aspects are equivalent to public transportation aircraft.

Aircraft in private service are civil aircraft used in tourist traffic, aviation work, private services of corporations and private affairs of the owners, industrial activities, training and scientific application of aviation, in accordance with the provisions of Article 120 of this Code.

Second Section—Nationality and Registration

Article 8. Civil aircraft have the nationality of the State in whose register they are registered. No aircraft may be validly registered in more than one State.

Article 9. In order to acquire, modify, or cancel a registration of a civil aircraft, formalities established in this Code and its regulations must be observed.

Article 10. Aircraft registered in another State may acquire Nicaraguan registration after cancelling the former registration.

Article 11. All civil aircraft registered in Nicaragua shall carry distinctive nationality and registration markings in the manner designated in the respective regulation.

Article 12. Registration of an aircraft shall be cancelled:

- a) When the aircraft is registered in a foreign country;
- b) When its owner no longer possesses the necessary requirements to be the owner of the aircraft;
- c) When the aircraft is completely destroyed or has been considered as lost, according to this Code; and
- d) In any other legally determined cases.

Article 13. Aircraft used in public transport services, or aviation work for remuneration, may only be registered in the name and upon application of Nicaraguan natural or corporate persons.

Tourist aircraft and others used in aviation work which are not remunerated may only be registered in the name and upon application of Nicaraguan natural or corporate persons, or foreign natural persons domiciled in Nicaragua.

Article 14. National commercial aircraft must carry the national insignia in the manner provided in the regulations.

Third Section—Airworthiness

Article 15. Any aircraft flying over Nicaraguan territory must be provided with a valid certificate of airworthiness.

Article 16. The Ministry of Aviation shall be the competent authority to make effective grants, revalidations, suspensions or cancellations of certificates of airworthiness to civil aircraft in accordance with the regulatory provisions in force.

Article 17. Certificates of airworthiness granted in foreign countries shall be recognized or validated in Nicaragua in accordance with treaties in force, or in absence thereof, with recognized international rules.