

not lose its domestic character by the fact that the aircraft, because of *force majeure*, has to make an unplanned landing on foreign territory.

*Article 161.* In the case of international air transportation the carrier may not load passengers who cannot show proper authorization to disembark at the place of destination and at the planned stops when the country where the stop is made requires a transit visa.

*Article 162.* In the transportation of passengers the carrier has a duty to issue flight tickets which must contain the following information:

- a) The place and date of issuance;
- b) The places of departure and destination;
- c) The intermediate stops;
- d) The cost of the trip; and
- e) The name and address of the carrier and the passengers.

*Article 163.* The lack, irregularities or loss of the flight ticket shall not affect the existence or validity of the transportation contract which shall continue in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

However, if the carrier accepts a passenger without issuing the proper flight ticket, he shall have no right to rely on the provisions of this Code which exclude or limit his liability.

*Article 164.* In the transportation of baggage, and with the exception of hand luggage which the traveller keeps in his custody, the carrier has the duty to issue a baggage check which must consist of two parts; one for the traveller and the other for the carrier and which must contain the following:

- a) The place and date of issuance;
- b) The places of departure and destination;
- c) The name and address of the carrier;
- d) The number of the flight ticket;
- e) The number and weight of the articles; and
- f) The total value declared, when there is such a declaration.

*Article 165.* The lack, irregularities and loss of the baggage check shall not affect the existence or validity of the transportation contract which shall continue in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

However, if the carrier accepts baggage without issuing baggage checks, or if the check does not contain the data specified in subparagraphs c), d), and e) of Article 164, the carrier shall have no right to rely on the provisions of this Law which exclude or limit his liability.

*Article 166.* Without thereby affecting the provisions of the second paragraph of this Article, any carrier of merchandise shall have the right to request from the shipper the issuance or delivery of a document called "airway bill" which may be issued to bearer, to order, or by name, which may be transferred in the manner and with the effects provided for in the Code of Commerce for instruments of this nature.

However, the lack, irregularities or loss of such document shall not affect the existence or validity of the transportation contract which shall not thereby cease to be subject to the provisions of this Code, subject to the provisions of Article 170.

*Article 167.* Issuance of the airway bill shall be subject to the following rules:

- a) It shall be issued by the shipper in three original copies and shall accompany the merchandise: