

made by a simple ordinance published in the *Journal Officiel* of the Republic of Niger.

Art. 7. An aircraft which is registered abroad may not be registered in the Nigerian register except after showing that the foreign registration has been cancelled.

When any of the conditions specified in Articles 5 and 6 are no longer fulfilled, the owner of the aircraft must notify the official in charge of the register, who shall cancel the registration. In the absence of notification by the owner, which must be made within a period specified by decree, cancellation in the register shall be effected by an ordinance with reasons issued by the Minister in charge of civil aviation and published in the *Journal Officiel* of the Republic of Niger.

Art. 8. Legal relations between persons aboard an aircraft in flight shall be governed by the law of the country of origin of such aircraft.

However, when a crime or misdemeanor is committed aboard a foreign aircraft, the Nigerian courts shall have jurisdiction when the person who commits the crime, or against whom it is committed, has Nigerian nationality, or when the aircraft lands in Niger subsequent to the crime or misdemeanor.

The courts of jurisdiction shall be those at the place of landing or at the place where the arrest is made in the case where the person committing the violation is arrested at a place other than that of the landing.

When an event occurs aboard a Nigerian aircraft, the flight commander may take all measures he deems necessary to ensure good order.

In the application of this article, an aircraft shall be deemed in flight from the time when power is applied for take-off till the time when landing is completed.

In the case of lighter-than-aircraft the term "in flight" shall apply to the period between the time when such aircraft is detached from the ground and that when it is again attached.

Art. 9. Registration in the register shall be proof of title. Such register shall be public and anyone may obtain a certified copy thereof.

Art. 10. Aircraft shall be personal property in regard to application of the rules of the Civil Code. However, transfer of ownership must be in writing and shall be without effect in regard to third persons unless there is a registration in the register.

Any change in ownership by reason of death and any judgment transferring, establishing, or declaratory of ownership must be recorded in the register at the request of the new owner.

CHAPTER II. MORTGAGE AND ATTACHMENT OF AIRCRAFT

Art. 11. Aircraft as defined in Article 1 of this Code may be mortgaged only by agreement between the parties.

Insofar as they belong to the owner of the aircraft, a mortgage shall affect the fuselage, the engines, propellers, board instruments and all parts permanently installed on the aircraft, whether they are fixed thereon or are temporarily detached.

Art. 12. A mortgage may, by a single document, be imposed on all or part of an airfleet belonging to the same person provided that the various elements of the fleet are specified in such document.