

PANAMA

PRELIMINARY NOTE

There was no basic air law in force in the Republic of Panama until Decree-Law No. 19 was passed on August 8, 1963. The following executive decrees according to Article 221 of that Law, are still in effect insofar as they are not in conflict with Decree-Law No. 19.

Decree No. 203 of April 25, 1961, modifying Decree-Law No. 5 of August 18, 1949, dealing with the National Aeronautics Board, licensing of air carriers, and their liability;

Decree No. 236 of November 21, 1935, giving jurisdiction over aviation to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs;

Decree No. 147 of August 23, 1932, regulating commercial aviation in general;

Decree No. 148 of August 23, 1932, regulating aviation schools;

Decree No. 149 of August 23, 1932, regulating the use of parachutes;

Decree No. 150 of August 23, 1932, regulating entry into, and departure from Panama by air;

Decree No. 7 of January 19, 1937, regulating scheduled air traffic.

There is, in addition, the Law 29 of December 11, 1936, dealing with the organization of commercial aviation in Panama by providing for the establishment of a government supported national air carrier.

*Regulation on National Aviation*¹

DECREE-LAW NO. 19 OF AUGUST 8, 1963

The President of the Republic, pursuant to the extraordinary powers conferred on him by Article 1, Section 3 of Law 56 of 1963, having heard the favorable report on this matter by the Cabinet Council, and with prior approval of the Permanent Legislative Commission, and,

WHEREAS:

The growing development of civil aviation in general and of air transportation in particular, within the Republic of Panama requires an adequate regulation, in order to promote safety of air navigation, facilitate security and efficiency in air services, strengthen the economic structure of the Nation, and broaden and reaffirm our economic and cultural relations with other nations;

Panama is a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and [whereas] the standards approved by this organization should be, as far as possible, incorporated in our domestic legislation for proper observance;

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