

Article 15. Regulations.

In order to obtain, amend, or cancel the registration of an aircraft, the formalities stipulated in this Law and in the regulations issued thereunder must be observed.

SECTION 3. MARKS

Article 16. Nationality and Registration Marks.

The nationality marks for Panamanian civil aircraft shall be the letters "HP"; the registration mark shall consist of a group of numbers added to this nationality mark, as determined by the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics.

Article 17. Location of Marks.

1) All Panamanian aircraft must be identified by the Panamanian flag and the distinctive marks of their nationality and registration, located in a visible place on the outside of the aircraft, in accord with the rules contained in international regulations.

2) Any aircraft shall bear, in a visible place, near the principal entrance, an identification plate of fireproof material, on which shall be inscribed at least the marks of nationality and registration.

SECTION 4. AIRWORTHINESS

Article 18. Competent Authorities.

It is a duty of the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics to issue, re-validate or validate certificates of airworthiness for all aircraft recorded in the Register.

Article 19. Issuance and Validation.

1) A certificate of airworthiness shall be issued only on a previous written report of a Technical Inspector of Aircraft and Aviation Engines, appointed for this purpose by the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics, who shall personally verify the condition of the aircraft in the manner prescribed in the respective regulation.

2) The expenses occasioned by the inspection of an aircraft shall be charged to the interested parties in accord with a rate schedule fixed by Executive Decree.

3) Nevertheless, certificates of airworthiness issued in a foreign country may be recognized or validated, pursuant to the standards contained in the international regulations.

Article 20. Form of Certificate.

The certificates of airworthiness issued by the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics must be in conformity with the model approved by the international regulations.

Article 21. Suspension or cancellation of Certificate.

The General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics may suspend or cancel a certificate of airworthiness when the aircraft does not fulfill the necessary requirements. In such cases the interested party shall be first heard, and a period of time shall be granted to him for proof and defense. Nevertheless, for reasons of safety, the certificate may be suspended without the above mentioned procedure.