

2) Over cities, inhabited areas, or over groups of persons, this altitude shall not be less than one thousand (1,000) feet above the highest obstacle situated within a radius of two thousand (2,000) feet from the aircraft; over other places, the altitude shall not be less than five hundred (500) feet above land or water.

3) These minimum altitudes shall not be applicable:

- a) to landing or take-off;
- b) in cases of *force majeure*;
- c) to flights in aerial work, in compliance with a permit from the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics; and,
- d) to training flights.

*Article 74. Jettisoning of Articles.*

1) Nothing may be jettisoned from an aircraft in flight which may constitute a danger to persons or property on the ground.

2) Exceptions to this prohibition are:

- a) the jettisoning of ballast;
- b) the dumping of fuel, in case of emergency, but always over areas where this will not cause damage;
- c) the dropping of provisions or equipment during salvage operations.

3) The General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics may also authorize the jettison, in places difficult of access or under special circumstances, the dropping of some objects including postal matter, and the spreading of chemicals in agricultural or health aerial work.

*Article 75. Various Operations.*

The following may be undertaken only with permission of the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics and in conformity with the requirements prescribed therefor:

- a) Descent of persons in parachutes, except in cases of emergency;
- b) Towing of objects;
- c) Lifting of persons or objects by an aircraft in flight.

SECTION 4. PREVENTION OF COLLISION

*Article 76. Necessary Vigilance.*

For the purpose of avoiding possible collisions, the vigilance by the flight crew must not be neglected on board the aircraft; no provision of this Chapter shall exempt the pilot commander from his duty to act in the most efficient manner to avoid a collision.

*Article 77. Proximity.*

1) No aircraft may fly near another in a manner that may cause danger of collision.

2) Aircraft may not fly in formation except when an agreement in advance has been made between the pilot commanders, and after notice to the air traffic services, and then only in daytime and under VFR weather conditions.

CHAPTER VII. INVESTIGATION OF AVIATION ACCIDENTS

*Article 78. Definition.*

For the purposes of this Chapter, an aviation accident is any event related to the use of an aircraft which occurs during the period be-