

Article 49. 1) The competent authority may investigate persons, aircraft, crew and transported goods, prior to take-off, during a flight, upon landing or while standing on an airport, and may take the necessary measures for the safety of the flight.

2) Without exception, aircraft in flight over the territory of the Republic, shall be obligated to land immediately upon receiving orders to do so, transmitted from the ground or air by means of regulation signals. Refusal to obey the order shall give a right to use force in the cases and under the circumstances established by the Executive, and the State shall then be exempt from all liability for damages and injuries which may be caused.

TITLE IV. GROUND ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER I. AIRDROMES

Article 50. An airdrome shall be a defined area of land or water intended wholly or partially for the launching, parking or take-off of aircraft.

Article 51. According to the service offered, airdromes may be public or private.

Article 52. 1) Any airdrome equipped with installations for the shelter or repair of aircraft, for loading and unloading of passengers, baggage or cargo, and with services to aid air navigation, shall be known as airport or hydroport, depending on whether the area is on land or water.

2) Customs airports shall be those equipped for the dispatch and receipt of aircraft used in international air transportation.

Article 53. No airdrome may be constructed, or if constructed, may not be altered, without advance authorization from the Board of Civil Aeronautics.

Article 54. The construction and operation of an airdrome must be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the Board of Civil Aeronautics, according to the use to be made thereof; this office may require that airdromes used or to be used for flights of aircraft in international transportation, shall be constructed or altered in accordance with the standards and methods recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization (I.C.A.O.).

Article 55. Aircraft must depart from, or land at public or private airdromes. This duty shall not be binding in case of *force majeure*, or with respect to State aircraft in exercise of their functions, nor in cases of search, assistance or salvage, or of aircraft performing health services.

Article 56. 1) With the exception of *force majeure*, no aircraft may land on private airdromes without authorization from the owner.

2) The landing on private property, whether or not this be an airdrome, shall not authorize the property owner to prohibit the continuation of the trip.

3) The owner of the place of the landing shall report it to the nearest authority, or directly to the Board of Civil Aeronautics, indicating the nationality and registration markings of the aircraft, and the name of the pilot and of his companions or passengers.