

2) In the case of an operator of several aircraft the amount of bond must be at least equal to the total of the applicable limits on two aircraft subject to the highest of these limitations.

Article 143. 1) Within the period of fifteen days computed from the lapse of the policy there must be recorded in the National Aircraft Register a statement concerning the existence of a new policy.

2) Failure to observe this provision shall cause immediate cancellation of the certificate of airworthiness.

Article 144. The amounts owed the insured by the insurer shall be exempt from attachment and levy by other creditors of the operator until the claims of injured persons with a right to compensation according to this Code have been satisfied.

Article 145. Air insurance shall be governed by the general insurance provisions contained in the Code of Commerce, insofar as they are not incompatible with air navigation and do not conflict the present Code.

TITLE XI. SEARCH, ASSISTANCE AND SALVAGE

CHAPTER I. DUTY

Article 146. Every aircraft owner shall have a duty, insofar as possible, to render assistance in the search for aircraft at the request of competent authorities.

Article 147. The commanders of aircraft in flight shall render assistance to aircraft in sight which have suffered accidents endangering the lives of persons on board.

Article 148. In addition to the provisions in the preceding article, the duty to render assistance shall always exist when signals for help are received, except when the place of the accident is so distant as to make it impossible to answer the call.

Article 149. There shall be no duty to render assistance:

a) When to render it entails serious risks for persons on board the aircraft which is under duty to render it;

b) When the aid is being rendered by another craft in the same or a better condition to do so, which has also received the call or has seen the damaged aircraft;

c) When there is no possibility of rendering any useful assistance.

Article 150. Owners, carriers or operators of aircraft shall not be liable if the commander fails to fulfill his duty in rendering assistance, except in those cases where they have given orders not to render it.

CHAPTER II. REMUNERATION AND COMPENSATION

Article 151. All assistance shall give rise to a right to proportionate remuneration for the work performed and the effectiveness of the search, aid or salvage, and to a compensation for damages suffered during the operation. In the absence of a prior agreement, the estimate of remuneration shall be made by any of the methods used in the law.

No claim may be filed when the aid has expressly been refused, and the refusal was justified on the ground that no risk existed to the lives of the persons on board the damaged aircraft.