

TITLE XII. ACTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON ACTIONS

Article 152. A six months' limitation of actions shall exist:

- a) For actions to claim preference in accordance with Article 32. The period shall run from the time when the credit accrues;
- b) For actions of recovery between the operators for sums paid for damages arising from collisions. The period shall run from the date of the payment.

Article 153. A limitation of two years shall exist:

- a) For actions of compensation for damages caused to passengers, baggage or cargo transported by aircraft. The period shall be computed from the arrival at the point of destination, or from the day on which the aircraft should have arrived, or from the interruption of the transportation, or from the time when the person has been declared lost and presumed dead;
- b) For actions of reparation of damages caused to third persons on the ground. The period shall run from the day of the act. When there is no record that the injured person has knowledge of the damage or of the identity of the person liable, the prescriptive period shall commence to run from the day on which he could have had knowledge. In such cases, the right of action shall be limited to three years from the day on which the damage was caused;
- c) For actions for reparation of damages in cases of collision. The period shall be computed from the day of the act;
- d) For actions of compensation and remuneration in cases of search, assistance and salvage. The period shall commence to run from the day on which the operations were completed.

TITLE XIII. JURISDICTION AND COMPETENCY

Article 154. Administrative application of the Air Code and punishment for violations of its provisions shall be the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Defense by means of the Board of Civil Aeronautics.

Article 155. The courts and judges of the Republic shall take cognizance of, and decide cases related to air navigation or air commerce in general, and crimes connected therewith.

Article 156. 1) Acts performed and events occurring on board aircraft in flight or standing on Paraguayan territory, or by any action of such aircraft affecting persons or property outside the craft on national territory, shall be governed by the laws of the Paraguayan State and judged by its courts.

2) If the acts are performed or the events occurred on a foreign aircraft in flight over Paraguayan territory, the Paraguayan courts shall have jurisdiction, and its laws shall apply only in cases of violation of the laws or regulations concerning public safety, or military, fiscal or of air traffic or when they endanger public safety or order, or affect the interest of the State or of individuals, or when the first landing following the event takes place on national territory.

Article 157. 1) Acts performed and events occurring on board Paraguayan aircraft over the high seas or over territory not subject to the sovereignty of another State, or when it has not been possible to de-