

No permit shall confer any proprietary, property, or exclusive right in the use of any air space, civil airway, landing area or government air-navigation facility.

The permit shall, among others specify the terminal and intermediate points, if any, between which the air carrier is authorized to operate, the service to be rendered, the time of arrival and departure at each point, and the frequency of flights: *Provided*, That no change in routes, rates, schedules, or frequency nor supplemental or additional flights to those covered by an Air Commerce Permit or franchise shall be affected without prior approval of the Civil Aeronautics Board. Insofar as the operation is to take place without the Philippines, the permit shall designate the terminal and intermediate points only insofar as the Board shall deem practicable, and otherwise shall designate only the general route or routes to be followed.

No carrier shall abandon any route, or part thereof for which a permit has been issued, unless upon findings by the Civil Aeronautics Board that such an abandonment is uneconomical and is in the public interest.

SEC. 12. Citizenship requirement.—Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and existing treaty or treaties, permit authorizing a person to engage in domestic air commerce and/or air transportation shall be issued only to citizens of the Philippines.

SEC. 13. Conduct of proceedings.—The Board shall conduct its proceedings in such manner as will be conducive to the proper dispatch of business and to the ends of justice. All hearings and investigations before the Civil Aeronautics Board shall be governed by the rules of procedure adopted by the Board, and in the conduct thereof the Board shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence.

SEC. 14. Delegation of authority to conduct hearings.—The Board may designate in writing any of its members or any of its officers to conduct hearings and investigations on any matter pending before the Board and for that purpose the person so designated shall have authority to administer oaths, issue *subpoena* and *subpoena duces tecum*, require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, examine witnesses, make ocular inspection of or enter into any airline establishment, building, place or premise in the performance of its official business.

SEC. 15. Application for permit.—Application for permit shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be verified. Said application shall be in such form, shall contain such information, and shall be accompanied by such proof of service upon such interested persons as the Board shall by regulation require.

SEC. 16. Notice.—Upon the filing of any such application, the Board shall give due notice thereof: (1) to the public, by posting a notice of such application in the Office of the Civil Aeronautics Board and by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks, at the expense of the application, in a newspaper of general circulation, and (2) to such other persons as the Board may by regulation determine: *Provided, however*, That notice of publication may be dispensed with by the Board whenever, in its judgment, the public interest so requires. Any interested person may file with the Board a memorandum in support of, or in opposition to, the issuance of the permit.

SEC. 17. Time and place of meeting.—Within a week after the last publication of the application as provided in section 16 of this Act,