

to perform customs and passport formalities, the commander of the aircraft shall be obliged to report immediately to the nearest citizens' militia station, or any other local agency of the government administration. It shall be prohibited to continue the flight without a permit from the competent customs or frontier guard authorities.

2. The citizens' militia or the local government administration as well as the commander of the aircraft shall be obliged to employ all necessary means to carry out the formalities referred to in paragraph 1, until the customs officers or frontier guards arrive.

Article 55

1. When a foreign aircraft is missing or involved in an accident, the authorized agents of the State of the nationality of the aircraft as well as the owner or person utilizing it, may participate in the search or in bringing help.

2. When a foreign aircraft is involved in an accident, the State of the nationality of the aircraft may appoint observers to attend all the investigations conducted on the territory of Poland by the agencies specified in Article 50, paragraph 2.

3. Upon request, a report of the investigation shall be forwarded to the State of the nationality of the aircraft.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 3 shall apply if such obligations with regard to the State of the nationality of the aircraft arise out of an international agreement to which Poland is a party; in other cases a permit of the Minister of Transport shall be required.

Article 56

The technical condition of a foreign aircraft staying in Poland and its documents may be examined by the Polish technical supervision authorities or by the air traffic authorities.

CHAPTER THREE—COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFT

Article 57

1. A commander of the aircraft shall be appointed on each aircraft flying with a crew.

2. If the crew of an aircraft consists of only one person he shall perform the functions of commander of the aircraft.

Article 58

The commander of an aircraft shall perform flights and flight tasks in conformity with the regulations, particularly in regard to securing the safety of the aircraft and of the persons and cargo aboard.

Article 59

1. The commander of an aircraft shall issue orders with respect to flight safety and order aboard an aircraft binding to all persons on board.

2. The commander of an aircraft, if he deems it necessary, may order the crew of an aircraft to perform actions outside the scope of their normal duties.

3. The commander of an aircraft shall have the right to apply compulsory measures to persons who do not obey his orders or in some other way endanger flight safety or order abroad, and to confine a person suspected of having committed an offense aboard an aircraft until the officials who have jurisdiction in the matter arrive.