

Art. 32. On the ground, the captain of the aircraft shall have the following duties:

a) to take necessary action in case his aircraft is held or in case steps are taken concerning the crew, passengers or cargo;

b) on behalf of the operator of the aircraft or of the owners of the goods on board, to take any steps necessary and indispensable for carrying out or continuing the flight in good condition. For this purpose the captain of the aircraft shall have the right to sign documents or agreements.

In case of damage, forced landing, etc. the captain of an aircraft shall be entitled to take all the steps demanded by the situation, justifying them later and taking into account the interests of the operator of the aircraft and of the owners of the goods on board.

Unless he has special authorization to do so, the captain of an aircraft may in no event alienate the aircraft, parts of the aircraft or any other property included in its inventory.

Art. 33. By virtue of the exception of Article 27, a person other than the sole pilot or first pilot of an aircraft may be appointed as captain of the aircraft. In this case the sole pilot or first pilot of the aircraft may exercise the function of pilot-captain.

The duties and responsibilities for carrying out a mission shall be divided between the captain of the aircraft and the pilot-captain as follows:

From the time of taking off until the landing, the pilot-captain shall be entrusted with and shall be responsible for the technical direction of the aircraft and its safety during the flight, and may take any steps [necessary] for the achievement of the safety of the flight. In case of danger he shall be the last to leave the aircraft;

In accordance with the provisions of this Code, the captain of the aircraft shall be entrusted with, and responsible for the carrying out of the mission in good condition in respect to all other operations which do not concern the actual direction and safety of the aircraft while in flight.

In flights for the testing and technical inspection of an aircraft or with a view to issuing or extending the certificate of airworthiness, the technician who carries out such operations shall also be the captain of the aircraft.

SECTION III—GROUND CREW

Art. 34.

The ground crew who may exercise aeronautical functions on a civil airdrome in the Romanian People's Republic shall include the technical ground personnel qualified for the category and class of the respective airdrome who directly participate in the technical preparation, direction and maintenance of flight safety over the airdrome and within the area of the airdrome.

The management of the aeronautical activities of a civil airdrome shall be assigned to the airdrome controller.

The technical staff in charge of the installation for the safety of air navigation within the territory, outside the zone of the airdrome, shall be assimilated to the airdrome staff.

The Ministry of Land, Sea and Air Transportation shall establish according to functions, the minimum qualification and duties of the ground crew of civil airdromes open to public traffic (airports), in