

SWITZERLAND

FEDERAL LAW ON AIR NAVIGATION OF DECEMBER 21, 1948¹

The Federal Assembly of the Swiss Federation, in view of Articles 37 ter and 36 of the Constitution, and of the Message of the Federal Council of March 23, 1945² decrees as follows:

FIRST PART—BASIC PROVISIONS OF AIR NAVIGATION

FIRST TITLE—AIR SPACE AND SURFACE OF THE EARTH

CHAPTER I—SOVEREIGNTY OVER AIRSPACE AND ITS EFFECTS

Article 1

I. Use of Swiss airspace. 1. Principle. The use of the airspace over Switzerland by any aircraft shall be permitted within the limits established by this law and the federal laws in general.

Article 2

2. Aircraft permitted to fly. Any of the following [aircraft] may fly within the Swiss airspace provided it is airworthy:

- a. Aircraft belonging to the Swiss State;
- b. Aircraft registered in the Swiss Register in accordance with Article 52 and possessing the certificates provided for in Article 56;
- c. Aircraft which may use the Swiss airspace by virtue of international agreements;
- d. Aircraft which may use the Swiss airspace by virtue of a special ruling of the Federal Air Office.

Article 3

II. Supervision by the Federal Government. 1. Federal Agencies. The Federal Council shall have supervision of air navigation over the whole territory of the Federation. It shall exercise it through the Department of the Post Office and Railroads.

For the purpose of exercising immediate supervision, a special division of the Department of the Post Office and Railroads shall be established.

The Federal Council shall make more detailed regulations, particularly in regard to fees to be levied.

¹ Published in *Recueil des Lois Fédérales*, No. 19, of June 6, 1950, p. 491. For amended Articles 8, 2, 11, 12, 15, 17, 40, and 52, see *infra*, p. 2380.

² In *Feuille Fédérale*, 1945, Vol. I, p. 325.