

Article 18

II. Duty to land. Any aircraft may be ordered to land for reasons of public order and safety. It must immediately obey the signals ordering it to land.

Any aircraft which unlawfully uses the Swiss airspace must land on the nearest customs airport in order to be put under the control of the authorities of jurisdiction. It shall remain impounded until permission for it to fly is given by the Federal Air Office.

Article 19

III. Signal service. The Federal Air Office shall prescribe rules concerning the signal service.

Article 20

IV. Navigation on, and above, waterways. The Department of the Post Office and Railroads shall prescribe special rules for the use of Swiss waterways and the airspace above them by aircraft, with due consideration of the interests of shipping. The Cantonal governments concerned shall be heard in advance.

Article 21

V. Exercise of air police power. The exercise of air police power shall belong to the authorities designated by the Federal Council.

The general police powers of the Federal Government and of those of the Cantons over airports and other areas of the land used for air navigation shall not thereby be affected.

Article 22

VI. Accidents of aircraft. 1. Rescue service. The Federal Air Office may prescribe rules for the organization of the rescue service in case of accidents of aircraft.

Article 23 ^{2a}

2. First measures. Accidents of aircraft shall be reported by the fastest means available to the Federal Post and Railway Department; such duty shall be incumbent upon the flight personnel concerned, the air police and the local authorities.

The local authorities shall take care that, except for necessary salvage and rescue operations, no changes are made at the place of the accident which might hinder the investigation.

Article 24

3. Air accident investigations. a. General provisions. An air accident investigation shall be made in order to clarify the circumstances and causes of air accidents.

^{2a} Articles 23 to 26 inclusive were amended by Law of October 2, 1959, pub. in *Sammlung der eidgenössischen Gesetze* 1960, p. 357.