

SECTION 4. SEIZURE AND SALE OF AIRCRAFT

Article 14. The seizure and obligatory sale of an aircraft shall be effected in accordance with the "Law on Execution of Judgment" except in cases laid down in Article 27 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded in Chicago in 1944.

Article 15. If damage is caused by the crash of a foreign aircraft or an aircraft whose owner resides abroad, or if a foreigner violates the provisions of this Law, the local administrative authorities or the officials referred to in Article 85 below can call upon the police forces to detain the aircraft involved for a period of 72 hours to enable competent officials to reach the place of the accident and estimate damages. If the accident involves a violation of the Law the pecuniary penalties as well as other expenses incurred will be assessed. The officials shall order the immediate deposit of the amount unless a competent guarantor is provided. If the amount is not deposited nor the guarantor provided, the aircraft shall be seized until the case is finally settled. In the latter case the owner of the aircraft shall bear all the expenses incurred.

Article 16. The public authorities have the right to seize every aircraft even though it may be foreign if it does not duly comply with the conditions prescribed in the laws, decisions and regulations in force regarding air circulation or if its pilot has violated these laws.

No verdict can be passed for the seizure of an aircraft except in the cases prescribed in the laws, decisions and regulations in force or those that may be issued in the future.

CHAPTER II. AIR CIRCULATION

SECTION 1. RIGHT OF NAVIGATION

Article 17. Aircraft belonging to the government of a foreign state shall not be allowed to fly over Syrian territory, including territorial waters, or to land thereon unless special permission has been granted by the Ministry of Public Works and Communications on the approval of the Ministry of National Defence or in accordance with a prior agreement and conforming to the provisions of that permission or agreement.

Article 18. No foreign aircraft capable of being flown without a pilot shall have the right to fly over Syrian territory without a pilot unless special permission has been obtained from the Minister of Public Works and Communications and the provisions thereto are complied with.

Article 19. Foreign civil aircraft shall not have the right to fly over Syrian territory unless the right to overfly is recognized by virtue of an international convention or if they are in possession of a special or temporary permit issued by the Ministry of Public Works and Communications.

However, foreign civil aircraft, which are entitled to the right to overfly as recognized by an international convention, shall be subject to the same reservations and restrictions as those which the foreign state to which the aircraft belong applies to Syrian aircraft.