

CHAPTER III. AIR TRANSPORTATION

SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION OF CARGO AND FORMALITIES ON DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL

Article 51. Contracts for the transport of cargo by air shall be concluded by a shipment invoice or receipt stating definitely that the transportation is to be effected by means of an aircraft.

Article 52. Upon arrival and before departure of an aircraft, the pilot shall submit the journey log book and the following documents to the customs:

- a) If the aircraft is carrying cargo, the manifest and detailed declarations of the cargo referred to in Article 41 of this Law.
- b) If the aircraft is carrying provisions, a list of the provisions.

If there is no manifest the customs officer shall mention this in the journey log book.

Article 53. The manifest shall be prepared in accordance with the international regulations in force in Syria. The consignor shall declare the goods in detail as imposed by the said international regulations.

Article 54. If there is no cargo on board the aircraft, only the journey log book will be inspected. If there is cargo, the customs representative will check the manifest and the declarations; carry out the official inspection; inspect and stamp the journey log book and manifest; seal the cargo or collection of goods if such a procedure is necessary; and make a reference in the manifest to the number of seals.

Article 55. Upon the arrival of the aircraft the customs representative shall ensure that the seals are intact, inspect the cargo, check the journey log book and keep the manifest.

Article 56. The transporter shall be responsible for the loss or damage of the transported cargo except in cases of unavoidable circumstances or inherent defects of the goods themselves.

If the consignor does not declare the value of the goods, the responsibility of the transporter shall be limited to L.S. 250 of each parcel.

Article 57. The pilot of an aircraft shall have the right to give orders en route to jettison cargo if this measure is necessary for the safety of the aircraft. He shall jettison the cheaper cargo first if he is in a position to choose. In this case he shall in no way be held responsible to the consignor or consignee for the loss of the goods. Responsibility for damages incurred while on the ground shall remain the same.

Article 58. The provisions of the Code of Commerce in force in the Republic of Syria shall be applied to air transportation provided that the above regulations are complied with.

SECTION 2. TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS

Article 59. The ticket given to the passenger shall be considered as a contract for his transportation.

Transportation of passengers by aircraft cannot be undertaken unless the carrier insures the passengers in accordance with the laws and regulations in force or in accordance with the provisions of the licence or agreement granting him the right of transportation.