

The composition of the crew of an aircraft shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., depending on the type, category and purpose of the aircraft. The aircraft crew shall undergo special training for the flight of the particular type of aircraft.

Flights of an aircraft with an incomplete crew shall be forbidden.

*Article 19.* The members of the crew of an aircraft entered into the Government Register for Civil Aviation of the U.S.S.R. may consist only of the Soviet citizens.

Exceptions from this rule may be made according to the procedure established by the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

*Article 20.* Members of the aircraft crew shall have special training, according to their position, and shall have knowledge of the Air Code of the U.S.S.R., basic flight rules in the airspace of the U.S.S.R. and other rules, directives and instructions pertaining to their work.

To the members of the flight and dispatch personnel, according to their speciality, degree of training and work experience, a category shall be assigned and a corresponding certificate shall be issued for one year. Personnel of the flight dispatch crew in fulfillment of their functions shall be in possession of the above mentioned certificate and shall present it to authorized persons at their request.

The procedure of assignment to categories and the issuance of certificates shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

*Article 21.* Personnel of the aircraft crew shall meet the health requirement established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Physical fitness for flight shall be established by air flight medical commissions of experts.

*Article 22.* The commanding officer of an aircraft may be only a person who is a licensed pilot (aviator), who has training and experience necessary for independent piloting of the particular type of aircraft.

The commanding officer of an aircraft shall direct the activities of the crew, ensure strong discipline and order on the aircraft, and observance of rules of navigation and operation of the aircraft, and he also shall take all necessary measures for the safety of persons on board of the aircraft, of the aircraft and of property.

*Article 23.* The piloting of an aircraft designated for carriage of passengers, shall be permitted only to pilots whose qualifications meet the requirements prescribed by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

*Article 24.* All persons on board an aircraft, without exception, shall obey the orders of the commanding officer of the aircraft. The commanding officer of an aircraft in flight shall have the right to use all necessary measures against persons who by their acts cause a threat to the safety of the flight or who disobey his orders.

Upon the arrival of the aircraft at the nearest airport, the persons who by their acts caused a threat to the safety of the flight or who disobeyed orders of the commanding officer, may be removed from the aircraft and they shall be transferred to the proper authorities if they committed an offence.