

CHAPTER V. FLIGHT IN THE AIRSPACE OF THE U.S.S.R.

Article 44. Only aircraft bearing identifying Government registration marks shall be permitted to fly in the airspace of the U.S.S.R.

Article 45. Scheduled flights in the airspace of the U.S.S.R. shall be made on established itineraries (air routes).

The air routes shall be equipped with radio beacons and other means safeguarding scheduled traffic of aircraft under normal and adverse weather conditions, by day or by night.

The direction of air routes, their width and the equipment thereof shall be determined according to established procedures by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. The crossing of air routes shall be permitted only at specified points and at established altitudes.

The flight of aircraft outside the air routes shall be made according to the itinerary established for each flight.

Any aircraft which during the flight deviates the established air route or the route for the individual flight, shall correct its course as soon as it becomes aware of such deviation.

Article 46. Natural obstacles on air routes which may endanger the safety of flight, shall be marked on flight maps, and artificial obstacles which may endanger the safety of flight, must have signs and light signals easily distinguishable from an aircraft in flight.

Article 47. Special rules shall be established for flight of aircraft in restricted border areas and at the points for crossing the national frontiers.

Air flights may be restricted or prohibited in accordance with the procedure established by the Council of Ministers over some areas or populated areas, as well as over individual objects of particular importance to the state.

Article 48. Air traffic control of all aircraft on air routes shall be carried out by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Article 49. Air flights shall be preceded by special preparation of the aircraft and its crew, a check of the readiness of the ground services on the airdrome for take-off and for landing to assure flight safety, an examination of meteorological conditions on the air route as well as other flight conditions.

Rules concerning preparation for flight and the persons responsible for it shall be issued by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Article 50. The flight of an aircraft shall take place only with a clearance to take off.

The procedure for issuance of clearances to take off shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Article 51. An aircraft shall be cleared for take-off only if it has on board:

- 1) the aircraft documents (Article 15)
- 2) a flight plan with a flight map and take-off clearance
- 3) the crew, authorized to make the flight on the particular type of aircraft under specified conditions;