

3) on claims for compensation for total loss of luggage, and delayed delivery of cargo, from the date on which the term for delivery has expired;

4) in all other cases from the day when the event which gave rise to the claim took place.

Section 116. The air carrier must examine the claim and inform the claimant about acceptance or rejection of the claim within three months; but with regard to claims for shipments carried on the same [shipping] document but using various types of transportation, within six months; with regard to claims for the payment of a fine, within 45 days.

When a claim has been rejected, or no answer has been received within the specified time, the claimant shall have the right within two months from the date when he received the reply, or from the last day of the period allowed for a reply to the claim to be made, to commence an action against the air carrier in an arbitration or a court proceeding, in accordance with the general rules of the civil law.

Section 117. Law suits against shippers of cargo, consignees or passengers arising from air carriage, shall be filed by an air carrier within a period of six months from the day of the event which gave rise to the law suit.

Section 118. Passengers transported on an aircraft must carry State insurance.

Rules for passenger insurance shall be approved by the Ministry of Finance of the U.S.S.R. in agreement with the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Section 119. Regulations governing carriage by air of passengers, luggage, and cargo shall be issued by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Special conditions for particular kinds of cargo and passenger transportation shall be set forth by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. in agreement with other interested ministries, departments and organizations.

Regulations for shipment of [air] mail shall be issued by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. in agreement with the Ministry of Communications of the U.S.S.R.

CHAPTER VIII. INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS, LUGGAGE AND CARGO

Section 120. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to international air carriage of passengers, luggage and cargo by civil aircraft of the U.S.S.R. for a fee or gratuitously, provided there are no provisions to the contrary in international treaties concluded by the U.S.S.R.

International air carriage of mail shall be made with due regard to the rules of international postal agreements concluded by the U.S.S.R.

Section 121. International air carriage shall be deemed to be any air carriage when the point of departure and the point of destination, regardless of any transshipment or interruption in the carriage are located:

- 1) on the territory of two States;
- 2) on the territory of the same State when a stop is scheduled on the territory of another State.