

In the case of loss, damage or delay in delivery of a part of the cargo or checked luggage or any article contained therein, only the overall weight of the respective package or packages shall be considered in determining the amount of compensation. However, where the loss, damage or delay of a part of the luggage or cargo or any article contained therein affects the value of other packages, included in the same luggage ticket or bill of lading, the overall weight of all packages must be considered in determining the amount of the compensation.

Section 132. The liability of the carrier for personal effects of a passenger shall be limited to the amount stipulated in international agreements concerning liability for air transportation to which the U.S.S.R. is a party.

Section 133. The limits of liability provided for in Sections 130, 131 and 132 of this Code shall not apply when it is proved that the damage occurred as a result of intent or gross negligence of the carrier or persons authorized by him while performing their official duties.

Section 134. In the event luggage or cargo is received without objections, it shall be assumed that it was delivered in good condition and in accordance with the transport document, unless the contrary is proved.

When there is damage, the person who is authorized to receive the luggage or cargo must file with the carrier a written claim immediately upon the discovery of such damage, but not later than 7 days from receipt of the luggage and 14 days from receipt of the cargo. In the event of delayed delivery the claim must be filed not later than 21 days from the date on which the luggage or cargo was put at the disposal of the recipient.

In the absence of a written claim submitted within the above terms, no action may be brought against the carrier.

Section 135. An action concerning liability shall be brought in the court of the place where the administration of the carrier is located not later than two years from the date when the aircraft arrived at its destination, or from the date when the aircraft was scheduled to arrive, or from the date when the air carriage was interrupted.

Section 136. The rules for international air carriage of passengers, luggage and cargo over the international air routes of the U.S.S.R., shall be established by the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

CHAPTER IX. USE OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CIVIL AERONAUTICS IN THE INDIVIDUAL BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

Section 137. The performance of special work [connected] with the use of aircraft in individual branches of the national economy (agriculture, forest protection, service expeditions etc.), and use of aircraft in providing medical and other aid to the population, performance of sanitary measures, and scientific research shall be made by the air carriers of the Main Administration for Civil Aviation attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Other enterprises, organizations and agencies, which operate aircraft, may carry out flights for the above purposes only to meet their own needs.