

(3) The Minister may by regulations provide that paragraph (b) of the last foregoing subsection shall not apply to flights of such descriptions as may be specified in the regulations, and may by instrument in writing exempt from the requirements of the said paragraph (b) any other particular flight or series of flights.

(4) This section shall apply to—

- (a) any flight in any part of the world by an aircraft registered in the United Kingdom ; and
- (b) any flight beginning or ending in the United Kingdom by an aircraft registered in such other country or territory, if any, as may be prescribed.

Air service
licences.

2.—(1) Any application to the Board for the grant of an air service licence shall contain such particulars as may be prescribed ; and, subject to the provisions of this section and of any relevant regulations under section five of this Act, the Board may at their discretion, after consulting with such persons, if any, as may be prescribed, either refuse the application or grant the applicant an air service licence for any air transport service or other purpose specified in the licence (being a service or other purpose proposed in the application with such modifications, if any, as the Board may think fit) for such term and subject to such conditions, if any, of the prescribed descriptions as may be so specified.

(2) In exercising their functions under this section the Board shall consider in particular—

- (a) whether they are satisfied that, having regard in particular to his experience and financial resources and, subject to subsection (4) of this section, to his ability to provide satisfactory equipment, organisation and staffing arrangements, and having regard also to any contravention in respect of aircraft operated by him of the provisions of section one of this Act, the applicant is competent, and a fit and proper person, to operate aircraft for the purposes for which he seeks an air service licence ;
- (b) the provision made or proposed to be made against any liability in respect of loss or damage to persons or property which may be incurred in connection with aircraft operated by the applicant ;
- (c) any unfair advantage of the applicant over other operators by reason of the terms and conditions of employment of his servants ;
- (d) the existing or potential need or demand for any air transport service proposed ;