

tions under this Act in such a manner as to further the development of British civil aviation.

(2) No aircraft shall be used on any flight for reward or in connection with any trade or business except under and in accordance with the terms—

(a) of such certificate, if any, (in this Act referred to as an "air operator's certificate") as any Order in Council for the time being in force under section eight of the Civil Aviation Act, 1949, may require the operator of the aircraft to hold for the purposes of such flights as that in question, being a certificate of his competence to secure that aircraft operated by him on such flights are operated safely; and

(b) subject to subsection (3) of this section, of a licence granted to the operator of the aircraft by the Board under section two of this Act (in this Act referred to as an "air service licence"), being a licence authorising the operator to operate aircraft on such flights as that in question.

(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 oper-