

Article 51. Foreign aircraft, public or private, may not fly over national territory or territorial waters, or alight on land or water thereon, unless there is such a provision in an international convention or special permission is obtained in advance.

Article 52. Exit from national territory, or entry therein by private aircraft must always be made from a customs and quarantine airdrome.

Only in cases of *force majeure* or with express authorization in advance may an exception be made for exit from national territory from an airdrome which is not a customs airport, or entrance into the Republic at a place which does not possess this type of airdrome.

Article 53. Aircraft of foreign airlines in scheduled international transportation service of persons or goods shall be considered in transit; the same shall apply to public or private aircraft which on a non-scheduled flight land on State territory, whether this landing is regular or forced. Foreign tourist and sports aircraft are also considered in transit which land but which do not remain on national territory for more than four months.

Chapter IV. National Commercial Air Routes

Article 54. National commercial air routes shall be reserved for domestic aircraft.

TITLE V. DUTIES OF AIR TRAFFIC

Chapter I. Scheduled Airlines

Article 55. Aircraft of scheduled lines may fly over routes established in their respective authorizations. Duly proved cases of *force majeure* shall constitute exceptions, within the exclusive judgment of the competent office.

Article 56. Foreign aircraft and national aircraft in international service, which make a forced landing on land or water must report immediately to the nearest police authority, and, except in case of obvious necessity, none of the persons on board may leave the aircraft until the authorities have inspected their personal documents and those of the aircraft.

Chapter II. Flight Altitudes

Article 57. The flight of aircraft over cities and populated places shall be made at a height which will permit landing on land or water outside of limits thereof in cases of emergency.

Article 58. Regulations shall also establish a minimum altitude for flight in those cases where it is considered proper.

Chapter III. Safety Police, Sanitary Police, and Customs Service

Article 59. Aircraft flying over national territory or territorial waters, shall be subject to the laws and to the regulations enacted by the Ministry of National Defense.

Article 60. Medical services attached to airdromes shall make health inspections of aircraft, passengers, air and ground crews, and baggage.

Regulations shall define those cases in which the passengers or an aircraft may not continue the voyage.

The health inspection shall be made jointly with the police procedures, safety and customs inspection.