

TITLE VI. COLLISIONS AND DAMAGE

Sole Chapter

Article 164. Collisions, crashes of, and damage to aircraft shall be governed, insofar as applicable, by the provisions of maritime law and aircraft, shall be assimilated to a vessel.

Article 165. In the case of a collision, crash and damage, there must be immediate notification of the authorities of the airport nearest to the place where it has occurred, and any instructions received from them, must be observed. When the aircraft is of Uruguayan nationality, this notification is compulsory even when the aircraft is outside the jurisdiction of the State.

TITLE VII. ASSISTANCE AND SALVAGE

Chapter I. Compulsory Aspect

Article 166. Provided it does not endanger their own safety, aircraft commanders in flight shall render assistance to all aircraft in sight, which suffer accidents in the sea or in places far from populated areas, by which the lives of the persons on board are endangered.

Article 167. In addition to the provisions in the preceding article, the obligation to render assistance always exists when signals for help are received, unless the place of the accident is so far away that it would be impossible to answer the call.

Article 168. The owners, carriers or operators of aircraft shall not be liable if the commander fails to observe this obligation to render assistance.

Chapter II. Compensation

Article 169. All assistance gives rise to a right to compensation proportionate to the work performed and the success of the salvage. In the absence of an agreement in advance, an estimate may be made in the manner usual in law.

The right to compensation is lost when the assistance has been expressly rejected and the rejection justified on the basis that there was no risk to the lives of the persons on board the aircraft involved in the accident. Insofar as applicable, the rules concerning this subject of maritime law shall govern.

Article 170. In case of salvage of air mail, the carrier shall contribute a proportionate sum to its value.

BOOK III

TITLE I

Chapter I. Appeals

Article 171. Decisions which cause injury may be appealed within a period of not more than five days to the Ministry of National Defense, whose decision shall be final as to administrative appeals.

Chapter II. Attachments and Injunctions

Article 172. Violations of the legal or regulatory provisions shall give a right to attachment or seizure of the aircraft by the respective