

## VENEZUELA

### CIVIL AVIATION LAW <sup>1</sup>

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#### CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Article 1.* This law shall govern all matters relating to civil aviation, without thereby affecting the observance of the provisions of international treaties and agreements concluded by the Republic. In cases not provided for herein, the pertinent provisions of other laws or the general principles of air law shall apply.

*Article 2.* The air space above Venezuelan territory shall be subject to national sovereignty.

For the purposes of this law, Venezuelan territory shall be deemed to be the territory defined in Article 2 of the Constitution of the Republic.

*Article 3.* Civil Aviation shall include transportation of passengers, mail, baggage and goods whether for profit or not; the use of aircraft for scientific purposes, for exhibition and publicity; for industrial, agricultural or health work; for sport, training and tourism, and [shall include] all equipment, installations, routes, services and other activities proper or related to such air activities.

*Article 4.* All civil aircraft within Venezuelan territory or flying above it, and the crew thereof, the passengers and goods transported, shall be subject to the jurisdiction and administration of the Venezuelan authorities.

*Article 5.* All events and legal acts taking place on board Venezuelan aircraft while in flight outside Venezuelan territory, shall be subject to Venezuelan law, unless they be such that they violate the safety and public order of the subjacent foreign State [this shall

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