

and of other responsibilities which, in conjunction with other requirements are stipulated in the license or permit.

Licenses for scheduled air carriers shall be granted for a maximum initial period of ten years, and permits for public non-scheduled air carriers for a period stated in each case, which may be revoked at any time.

A licensed scheduled air carrier shall have a right to extensions of the initial period if he shows that he has rendered service.

Article 40. Permission may be granted to make special flights of public transportation between points served by a scheduled carrier when the latter is not able to make them. The rates for such flights may not be less than those authorized for the corresponding scheduled service.

Furthermore, flights for the exclusive purpose of testing and technical experimentation over unexplored routes may be authorized. Such authorizations shall be granted for a maximum of three months and may not be extended.

Article 41. Public international air transportation shall be classified as Venezuelan scheduled and non-scheduled service, and foreign scheduled and non-scheduled service.

Such service shall be rendered in accordance with the conditions stated in each case.

Both licenses and permits shall conform to the provisions of the applicable international treaties or agreements. Permits or authorizations for foreign international carriers shall be granted on the basis of reciprocity, and without thereby affecting Venezuelan air carriers.

Article 42. Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this Chapter or the Regulations issued under this Law, shall be reason for suspension of the services or for revocation of the license or permit, without thereby affecting any other applicable penalties.

Article 43. The Government shall have priority for the purchase, at the end of each license period or the extension thereof, of the property and the rights inherent in the transportation service of the respective enterprise.

CHAPTER VIII. COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE AIR SERVICES

Article 44. Aircraft for commercial air service shall be those used for aerial work other than transportation.

Aircraft for private air service shall be those used for private purposes of their owners and those belonging to aviation schools or to other private aeronautical institutions. In no case may private service aircraft engage in public carriage.

Article 45. Operations of aircraft in commercial or private service shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the respective permits, but commercial services may be rendered only by Venezuelan companies and technical personnel, except when the latter are not available in the country.

CHAPTER IX. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES

Article 46. Public air carriers shall be liable for death, injury or any other damages caused to passengers, and for the destruction of, or damages to his hand baggage.