

in cases of non-compliance with the legal provisions on Venezuelan and foreign personnel except where the impossibility thereof is proved.

Article 72. A fine of from five hundred (B^s500) to twenty thousand bolivares (B^s20,000) shall be imposed on owners, persons having the disposal of, or operators of civil aircraft, for registering them in the Registry of another State, without having cancelled the Venezuelan registration and for transporting without proper authorization weapons, dangerous articles, inflammable or explosive substances and similar articles.

Article 73. A fine of from fifty (B^s50) to ten thousand bolivares (B^s10,000) shall be imposed on any owner, person having the disposal of, or operator of a civil aircraft:

I. Who permits the craft to fly:

- a) without marks of nationality and registration;
- b) without a valid certificate of air worthiness or registration;
- c) with a crew which lacks the proper licenses;
- d) without safety instruments and auxiliary equipment;
- e) except in case of *force majeure*, for not using installations and services for the aid of air navigation.

II. Who alters the marks of nationality and registration without proper authorization.

III. Who orders the commander or pilot of an aircraft to act in violation of this law or of the Regulations issued thereunder.

IV. Who imports a foreign aircraft or exports a Venezuelan craft, without complying with the required conditions.

V. Who fails to notify immediately the aviation authority of accidents to their aircraft.

VI. Who refuses to participate in search and rescue operations.

VII. Who allows the aircraft to obstruct or impede flight operations or movement on the airdromes.

VIII. Who commits any violation of the regulations concerning airdromes.

When a public carrier is involved the penalty shall not be less than five hundred bolivares.

Article 75. A fine of from one hundred (B^s100) to ten thousand bolivares (B^s10,000), or imprisonment shall be imposed on any person who unduly impedes or attempts to impede the use of runways, platforms and other places of transit on airdromes, or who, by means of radio broadcasting impedes, or interferes with aeronautical radio-communications.

Article 75. A fine of from fifty (B^s50) to ten thousand bolivares (B^s10,000) shall be imposed upon owners, or persons having the disposal of, and operators of any civil airdrome who do not permit the gratuitous use thereof to State aircraft, or the landing of aircraft in emergencies and in the case of airports, for failure to render services in the manner prescribed by this law or by the licenses.

Article 76. A fine of from fifty (B^s50) to five thousand bolivares (B^s5,000) or imprisonment be imposed on any person who without just cause, refuses to take part in search and rescue operations for aircraft, if required to do so by the authorities. The same penalty shall apply to any person who, has knowledge of an air accident and