

Article 79. A fine of from fifty (B^s50) to two thousand bolivares (B^s2,000) shall be imposed on the members of the aviation ground personnel, who, by any act or omission in the performance of their duties, endanger or tend to endanger the safety of an aircraft and of airdromes or auxiliary installation.

Article 80. A fine of from fifty (B^s50) to two thousand bolivares (B^s2,000) or imprisonment shall be imposed on any person charged with the care of beacons and safety devices on the ground or on the aircraft, who does not perform his duties in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

Article 81. For periods up to six months, when in cases it is deemed necessary the aviation authority may suspend the licenses of flight personnel, for the violation of the provisions on safety or it may revoke them when in their judgement such a measure is indicated.

Article 82. Any other violation of this law or of the Regulations issued thereunder not expressly provided for in this Chapter, shall be punished by a fine of from one hundred (B^s100) to twenty thousand bolivares (B^s20,000).

Article 83. Decisions by the competent public officials imposing penalties shall be subject to appeal before the respective Ministry. The appeal must be presented before the official who imposed the penalty within five working days from the date on which the interested person was notified. In the case of a fine, no appeal shall be unless such fine has been paid or bond posted which is satisfactory of the public official who imposed the fine.

Appeals from the decision of the Ministry, in cases where it imposes the penalty or where it had the case under study, shall be made to the Federal Court.

Such appeal shall be presented to the same authority within ten days from the date on which the interested party was notified or if that is the case, on which the decision appealed from was confirmed.

There shall be no right to appeal to the Federal Court when the penalty is a fine of less than four thousand bolivares (B^s4,000).

CHAPTER XV. AVIATION AUTHORITY

Article 84. The aviation authorities are those designated by the National Government for that purpose.

Article 85. In the absence of an aviation authority in a particular place some other authority may take jurisdiction in matters of supervision of aviation and, in the case of a violation it must immediately inform the nearest aviation authority of such event.

Article 86. The aviation authorities shall have power to detain any aircraft which violates provisions on air navigation.

CHAPTER XVI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 87. Fines, fees and charges imposed under this law and the Regulations issued thereunder, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Law of National Finance.

Article 88. The Law on Civil Aviation of July 13, 1944, amended in part by the law of July 25, 1945, is hereby repealed.

Article 89. In accordance with the needs of the respective services, and provided it is considered convenient and the legal formalities