

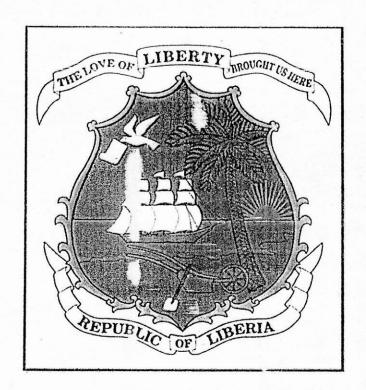
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SUBCHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

§101. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the "Liberia Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2019"

§102. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to these words where they are used in this Act.

- (1) Accident. An occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft which takes between the times any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked, in which:
 - (a) a person is fatally or seriously injured as a result of:
 - (i) being in the aircraft, or
 - (ii) having direct contact with any part of the a graft, including parts which have become detached from the aircraft, or
 - (iii) having direct exposure to the jet blast,

except when the injuries are from natural causes, elf-inflicted or inflicted by other persons, or when the injuries are to stowaways hiding outside the areas normally available to the passengers and crew; or

- (b) the aircraft sustains damage or structural failure which:
 - adversely affects the structural strength, performance or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and
 - (ii) would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component,

except for engine failure or damage, when the damage is limited to the engine, its cowlings or accessories; or for damage limited to propellers, wing tips, antennas, tires, brakes, fairings, small dents or puncture holes in the aircraft skin; or

(c) the aircraft is missing or completely inaccessible.

Note 1. - For statistical uniformity only, an injury resulting in death within thirty days of the date of the accident is classified as a fatal injury by ICAO.

Note 2. -An aircraft is considered to be missing when the official search has been terminated and the wreckage has not been located.

- (2) Acts of Unlawful Interference. These are acts or attempted acts such as to jeopardize the safety of civil aviation, including but not limited to:
 - (a) unlawful seizure of aircraft;
 - (b) destruction of an aircraft in service;
 - (c) hostage-taking on board aircraft or on aerodromes;
 - (d) forcible intrusion on board an aircraft, at an airport or on the premises of an aeronautical facility;
 - introduction on board an aircraft or at an airport of a weapon or hazardous device or material intended for criminal purposes;
 - (f) use of an aircraft in service for the purpose of causing death, serious bodily injury, or serious damage to property or the environment;
 - (g) communication of face information such as to jeopardize the safety of an aircrain in flight or on the ground, of passengers, crew, ground personnel or the general public, at an airport or on the premises of a civil aviation facility.
- (3) Aerial Work. A aircraft operation in which an aircraft is used for specialized ervices such as agriculture, concruction, photography, surveying, observation and patrol, seich and rescue, aerial advertisement, etc.
- (4) Aerodrome. An airport, a defined area on land or water (including any buildings, installations and equipment' intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival departure and surface movement of aircraft.
- (5) Aircraft. Any machine that can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air other than the reactions of the air against the earth's surface. The term "aircraft," when used in this Act or it regulations issued uncer this Act, shall refer to civil aircraft coly, and will not include state or public aircraft.
- (6) Aircraft engine. Any engine used, or intended to be used, for propulsion of aircraft and includes all parts, appurtenances, and accessories thereof other than propellers.
- (7) Aircraft piracy. Any actual or attempted seizure or exercise of control, by force or violence, or by any other form of intimidation, with wrongful intent, of an aircraft within the jurisdiction of LIBERIA.
- (8) Aircraft Security Check. An inspection of the interior of an aircraft to which passengers may have had access and an inspection of the hold for the purposes of discovering suspicious objects, weapons, explosives or other dangerous devices, articles and substances.

- (9) Aircraft Security Search. A thorough inspection of the interior and exterior of the aircraft for the purpose of discovering suspicious objects, weapons, explosives or other dangerous devices, articles of substances.
- (10) Airman. This term refers to:
 - (a) Any individual who engages, as the person in command or as pilot, mechanic, or member of the crew, or who navigates an aircraft while the aircraft is underway;
 - (b) Any individual in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling, or repair of aircraft, and aircraft engines, propellers, or appliances; or
 - (c) Any individual who serves in the capacity of flight operations officer.
- (11) Air navigation facility. Any facility used in, available for use in, or designed for use in aid of air navigation, including airports, landing areas, lights, any apparatus or equipment for disseminating weather information, for signaling, for radio directional finding, or for radio or other electromagnetic communication, and any other structure or mechanism having a similar purpose for guiding or controlling flight in the air or the landing and take-off of aircraft.
- (12) Air Operator. Any organization which undertakes to engage in domestic commercial air transport or international commercial air transport, whether directly or indirectly or by a lease or any other arrangement.
- (13) Air Operator Certificate (AOC). A certificate authorizing an operator to carry out specified commercial air transport perations.
- (14) Airport. A defined area o and or water (including any buildings, installations and equipment) intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft.
- (15) Airside. The movement ar as of an airport, adjacent terrain and buildings or portions the reof, access to which is controlled.
- (16) Annexes to the Chicago Convention. The documents issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) containing the Standards and Recommended Practices applicable to civil aviation.
- (17) Appliances. Instruments, equipment, apparatur, parts, appurtenances, or accessories, of whatever description, which are used, or are capable of being or intended to be used, in the navigation, operation, or control of aircraft in flight (including parachutes and including communication equipment and any other mechanism or mechanisms installed in or attached to aircraft during flight), and which are not part or parts of aircraft, aircraft engines, or propellers.
- (18) Background Check. A check of a person's identity and previous experience, including where legally permissible, any criminal history, as part of the assessment of an individual's suitability to implement a security control and/or for unescorted access to a Security Restricted Area.
- (19) Behavior Detection. Within an aviation security environment, the application of techniques involving the recognition of behavioral characteristics, including but not limited to

- physiological or gestural signs indicative of anomalous behavior, to identify persons who may pose a threat to civil aviation.
- (20) Cargo. Any property carried on an aircraft other than mail, stores and accompanied or mishandled baggage.
- (21) Certification. A formal evaluation and confirmation by or on behalf of the appropriate authority for aviation security that a person possesses the necessary competencies to perform assigned functions to an acceptable level as defined by the appropriate authority.
- (22) Chicago Convention. Means the Convention on International Civil Aviation, signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944.
- (23) Commercial air transport operation. An aircraft operation involving the transport of passengers, cargo or mail for remuneration or hire.
- (24) Corporate Aviation. The non-commercial operation or use of aircraft by a company for the carriage of passengers or goods as an aid to the conduct of company business, flown by a professional pilot employed to fly the aircraft. (Note that corporate aviation is a subset of general aviation).
- (25) Citizen of LIBERIA. This term refers to one of the following:
 - (a) An individual who is a citizen of Liberia;
 - (b) A partnership of which each member a citizen of Liberia; or
 - (c) A corporation or association created or organized and authorized under the laws of Liberia.
- (26) Civil aircraft. Any aircraft other than a state or public aircraft.
- (27) Civil aviation. The operation of any civil aircraft for the purpose of general aviation operations, aerial work or c6mmercial air transport operations.
- (28) Crew Member. A person assigned by an operator to duty on an aircraft during a flight duty period.
- (29) Cabir. Crew Member. A crew member who performs, in the interest of safety of passengers, duties assigned by the operator or the pilot-in-command of the aircraft, but who shall not act as a flight crew member.
- (30) Dangerous goods. Articles or substances which are capable of posing a risk to health, safety, property or the environment and which are shown in the list of dangerous goods in the Technical Instructions or which are classified according to those Instructions.
- (31) Director General. The Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority appointed under this Act.
- (32) Disruptive passenger. A passenger who fails to respect the rules of conduct at an airport or on-board an aircraft or to follow the instructions of the airport's staff or crew members and

- thereby disturbs the good order and discipline at an airport or on board the aircraft.
- (33) Dollars. This term means United States Dollars.
- (34) Flight Crew Member. A licensed crew member charged with duties essential to the operation of an aircraft during a flight duty period.
- (35) Foreign air operator. Any operator, not being a Liberian air operator, which undertakes, whether directly or indirectly or by lease or any other arrangement, to engage in commercial air transport operations within borders or airspace of Liberia, whether on a scheduled or charter basis.
- (36) General aviation operation. An aircraft operation of a civil aircraft for purposes other than a commercial air transport operation or aerial work operation.
- (37) High-Risk Cargo or Mail. Cargo or mail presented by an unknown entity or showing signs of tampering shall be considered high risk if, in addition, it meets one of the following criteria:
 - (a) Specific intelligence indicates that the cargo or mail poses a threat to civil aviation; or
 - (b) The cargo or mail shows anomalies that give rise to suspicion; or
 - (c) The nature of the cargo or mail is such that baseline security measures alone are unlikely to detect prohibited items that could endanger the circular.

Regardless of whether the cargo or mail comes from a known or unknown entity, a State's specific intelligence about a consignment may render as high risk.

- (38) Human Factors Principles. Principles which apply to esign, certification, training, operations and maintenance and which seek safe interface between the human and other system components by proper consideration to human performance.
- (39) Human Performance. Human capabilities and limitations, which have an impact on the safety, security and efficiency of aeronautical operations.
- (40) ICAO. Where used in this Act, this is an abbreviation for the International Civil Aviation Organization.
- (41) Incident. An occurrence other than an accident, associated with the operation of an aircraft which affects or could affect the safety of operation.
- (42) In-flight Security Officer. A person who is authorized by the government of the State of Registration to be deployed on an aircraft with the purpose of protecting that aircraft and its occupants against acts of unlawful interference. This excludes persons employed to provide exclusive personal protection for one or more specific people travelling on the aircraft, such as personal bodyguards.
- (43) International commercial air transport. The carriage by aircraft of persons or property for remuneration or hire or the carriage of mail between any two or more countries.
- (44) Known Consignor. A consignor who originates cargo or mail for its own account and whose procedures meet common security rules and standards sufficient to allow the carriage of

- cargo or mail on any aircraft.
- (45) Land Side. That area of an airport and building to which both travelling passengers and the non-travelling public have unrestricted access.
- (46) LIBERIA. The term LIBERIA in this Act means the land and water territory of LIBERIA to the outer limits of the territorial sea and includes the airspace above such territory.
- (47) Mail. Dispatches of correspondence and other objects tendered by and intended for delivery to the postal administration.
- (48) Minister. The Minister of Transport.
- (49) Navigable airspace. The airspace above the minimum altitudes of flight prescribed by regulations under this Act and includes airspace needed to insure safety in the takeoff and landing of aircraft.
- (50) Navigation of aircraft. A function which includes the piloting of aircraft.
- (51) Operator. A person, organization or enterprise engaged in or offering to engage in an aircraft operation. Any person who causes or authorizes the operation of aircraft, whether with or without the control (in the capacity of owner, lessee, or otherwise) of the aircraft, shall be deemed to be engage in the operation of aircraft within the meaning of this Act.
- (52) Person. Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint-stock association or body politic, and includes any trustee, receiver, assigne, or other similar representative of these entities.
- (53) **Pilot-in-command**. The pilot designated by the operator, or in the case of general aviation, the owner, as being in command and charged with the safe conduct of the flight.
- (54) Propeller. An inclusive term for all parts, appurtenances, and accessories of a propeller.
- (55) Restricted Area. A defined area within the airport perimeter either at the terminal building (i.e. arrival and departure halls), LCAA installations or at the airside; at the aprons and tarmac where entry can only be gained by means of an approved permanent identification card or with an approved temporary ID Card.
- (56) Sabotage. An act or omission, intended to cause malicious or wanton destruction of property, endangering or resulting in unlawful interference with International Civil Aviation and its facilities.
- (57) Screening. The application of technical or other means, which are intended to identify and/or detect weapons, explosives or other dangerous devices, which may be used to commit an act of unlawful interference.
- (58) Security. Safeguarding civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference. This objective is achieved by a combination of measures and human and material resources.
- (59) Security Audit. An in-depth compliance examination of all aspects of the implementation of the national civil aviation security program.

- (60) Security Control. A means by which the introduction of weapons, explosives or other dangerous devices, articles or substances which may be used to commit an act of unlawful interference can be prevented.
- (61) Security Equipment. Devices of a specialized nature for use, individually or as part of a system, in the prevention or detection of acts of unlawful interference with civil aviation and its facilities.
- (62) Security Inspection. An examination of the implementation of relevant national civil aviation security program requirements by an airline, airport, or other entity involved in security.
- (63) Security Program. Measures adopted to safeguard International Civil Aviation against acts of unlawful interference.
- (64) Security Restricted Area. Those areas of the airside of an airport, which are identified as priority risk areas where in addition to access control, other security controls are applied. Such areas will normally include, inter alia, all commercial aviation passengers' departure areas between the screening checkpoint and the aircraft, the ramp, baggage make up areas, including those where aircraft are being brought into service and screened baggage and cargo are present, cargo sheds, mail centers, airside catering and airside cleaning premises.
- (65) Security Survey. An evaluation of security needs including the identification of vulnerabilitie which could be exploited to carry out an act of unlawful interference, and the recommendation of corrective actions.
- (66) Security Test. A content of an aviation security measure which a nulates an attempt to commit an unlawful act.
- (67) Small Arms. A general description applied to all hand-held firearms.
- (68) Spare parts. Any parts, appurtenances, and accessories of aircraft (other than airc off engines and propellers), of orcraft engines (other than propellers), of propellers, and of appliances, maintained for installation or use in an aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance, but which at the time are not installed therein or attached thereto.
- (69) Special aircraft juri liction of LIBERIA. This includes:
 - (a) Civil aircraft of Liberia; and
 - (b) Any other aircraft within the jurisdiction of Liberia, while the aircraft is in flight, which is from the moment when all external doors are closed following embarkation until the moment when one such door is opened for disembarkation or, in case of a forced landing, until the competent authorities take over the responsibility of the aircraft and the persons and property aboard.
- (70) State aircraft. Means Aircraft used in military, customs and police services, operated by other State agencies, to be used exclusively in the service of any government or of any political jurisdiction thereof, including the Government of Liberia, but not including any government owned aircraft engaged in operations which meet the definition of commercial air transport operations.

- (71) State of Registry. A state on whose register an aircraft is listed or entered.
- (72) Sterile Area. That area between any passenger inspection/screening station and aircraft into which access is strictly controlled.
- (73) Transfer Cargo and Mail. Cargo and mail departing on an aircraft other than that on which it arrived.
- (74) Transit Passengers. Passengers departing from an airport on the same flight as that on which they arrived.
- (75) Unidentified Baggage. Baggage at an airport with or without a baggage tag, which is not picked up by, or identified with a passenger.
- (76) Unpredictability. The implementation of security measures in order to increase their deterrent effect and their efficiency, by applying them at irregular frequencies, different locations and/or with varying means, in accordance with a defined framework.
- (77) Validation. The written acceptance of an action of the civil aviation authority of another country in lieu of an action that this Act assigns to the Director General.

§103. ABREVIATIONS

- AOC Aircraft Operator Certificate
- CVR Cockpit Voice Recordings
- ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization
- LCAA Liberia Civil Aviation Authority
- LCAR Liberia Civil Aviation Regulations
- NATFC National Air Transport Facilitation Committee
- NCACC National Civil Aviation Security Comittee
- NCASP National Civil Aviation Security Program
- NATEP National Air Transport Facilitation Program
- SARPs Standard and Recommended Practices

SUBCHAPTER II - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIBERIA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

§ 201. CREATION OF THE LIBERIA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as The Liberia Civil Aviation Authority,

referred to in this Act as the "Authority", which shall have the functions and powers as conferred upon it by this Act.

- (2) The organogram for the Authority is hereby attached to this Act as Appendix A.
- (3) The Authority is a body corporate with perpetual existence and a common seal and may:
 - (a) sue or be sued in its corporate name;
 - (b) enter into contracts and acquire, hold or dispose of property; and
 - (c) so far as is possible for a body corporate, exercise the rights, powers and privileges and incur the liabilities and obligations of a natural person of full age and capacity.
- (4) The application of the common seal of the Authority shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director General, or any other person as authorized by the Director General to sign on his or her behalf and every document bearing the imprint of the seal of the Authority, shall be deemed to be properly sealed unless the contrary is proved. The SEAL will be in the custody of the Legal Officer.

§ 202. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIBERIA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

- (Composition. There is hereby established for the Author a Board of Directors, which shall consist of:
 - (a) A Chairperson;
 - (b) A designated senior civil servant of the inistry responsible for civil aviation, who shall be the Vice Chairman of the Board;
 - (c) A senior civil servant of the Ministry of Finance appointed/designated by the Minister of Finance and Development Planning or himor her designated representative;
 - (d) Three persons from the private sector; a Lawyer, a Business person and an Aviation expert; and
 - (e) The Director General of the Authority.
- (2) Appointment. The Chairperson and the members of the Board referred to in subsection (1) above shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister in consultation with the Civil Service Commission.
- (3) The members specified in subsection 1 (b) and (c) above are ex-officio members of the Board.
- (4) No person shall be qualified to be a member or to continue to be a member of the Board if:
 - (a) he or she is adjudged to be a person of unsound mind;
 - (b) he or she has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or fraud and has not been granted a free pardon;

- he/she maintains any lien with the entities subject to the Authority's jurisdiction, or keep any interests in these entities;
- (d) A member of the Board may resign his or her office by notice in writing addressed to the Minister.
- he/she receive gifts or contributions from the operators of the civil aviation sector, from their shareholders or participants, associations or representatives of the mentioned operators or consumer representatives;
- (f) he/she communicates with interested parties about subjects related to issues pending before the Authority, outside the procedures referred to in law or applicable regulations; or
- (g) in the case of a person who has professional qualifications, he or she is disqualified or suspended otherwise than at his or her request, from practicing his or her profession by the order of a competent authority made in respect of him or her personally.
- (6) After the conclusion of their mandate and for a period of two years, the members of the Board of Directors shall not establish any lien or enter in any relationship with the entities subject to the Authority's jurisdiction being eligible to a pecuniary allowance equal to 2/3 of the respective remuneration, if and when they do not exercise any other remunerated function.
- (7) General Powers of the Board. The Board shall give general directions as to the management of the property, business and funds of the Authority and any other matters relating to the Authority.
- (8) Duties of the Board. The Board shall be responsible for:
 - (a) the development, planning for, and, formulating of policy with respect to the use of the navigable air space and civil aviation in Liberia;
 - the formulation of general policies for the proper management of the Authority and for ensuring that such policies are carried out by the Authority;
 - (c) the good governance and management of the Authority and shall delegate the day-today operations of the Authority to the Director General;
 - (d) overseeing the sound and proper financial management of the Authority; and
 - (e) the appointment of all management staff except the Director General.
 - (f) In reference to Section 201.2, the Board in accordance with organization growth and industry trends shall amend and approve the organizational structure of the Authority.
- (9) Assignment of Powers of the Board. For the purpose of discharging its functions under this Act, the Board shall assign to the Director General, the power to:
 - (a) sign any contract for and on behalf of the Authority;

- (b) sign, accept, negotiate, endorse and receive any negotiable instrument on behalf of the Authority;
- (c) acquire or authorize-the acquisition of any movable or immovable property and transfer or allocate any funds of the Authority for that purpose;
- (d) authorize the disposal of securities of any kind belonging to the Authority;
- (e) open and operate current, deposit or credit account on behalf of the Authority at any bank or financial institution;
- (f) negotiate and obtain loans on behalf of the Authority and determine the nature and conditions of such loans.
- (10) Meetings of the Board. The Board shall meet in accordance with the following:
 - (a) The Board shall meet for the discharge of its business at least once in every three months at such time and place, as the Chairperson shall determine.
 - (b) The Chairperson shall, at the written request of the Director General or by not less than four members of the Board, convene a special meeting of the Board to transact any extraordinary business on a date specified in the request.
 - (c) A written notice of a special meeting of the Board shall:
 - (i) e sent to each member not later than forty-eight hours befor the meeting; and
 - (ii) pecify the business for which the meeting is being convened.
 - (d) Where a request under subsection (b) above is made by membe s, other than the Director General, the request shall be transmitted to the Director General stating-the busine s to be transacted, at least two working days before the does specified in the reques...
 - (e) The quorum of the Board at any meeting shall be four, including the Chairperson or the Director General.
 - (f) The Board shall take decisions by a simple majority of the votes of members present and, where there is an equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a casting vote.
 - (g) The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Board at which he or she is present, and in his or her absence, the Vice Chairperson or his or her representative shall preside and where both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are absent, the members of the Board present shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.
 - (h) The minutes of every meeting of the Board shall be recorded, and signed by the Chairperson or the person who presided at the meeting after confirmation by the Board.
 - (i) The Board may at any time co-opt any person to act as an adviser at any of its meetings,

but no person so co-opted shall be entitled to vote at any of its meetings.

- (j) The validity of any proceeding of the Board shall not be affected by vacancy in its membership.
- (11) Absence of Director General from Meetings. If the office of the Director General is vacant or the Director General is for any reason unable to attend a meeting of the Board, the person for the time being designated to carry out the duties of the Director General shall attend the meetings and may participate in its deliberations as if he were the Director General.
- (12) Disclosure of Interest. A member of the Board who:
 - (a) has an interest in a company or an undertaking with which the Authority proposes to enter into a contract shall:
 - (i) disclose the nature of his or her interest to the Board; and
 - (ii) not participate in any deliberation and voting of the Board in respect of the contract.
 - (b) contravenes the provisions of subsection (a) above may be removed from the Board by the President on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of civil aviation with the approval of the Civil Service Commission.
- (13) Transaction of Business Without Meeting. A resolution of the Board is valid if:
 - (a) it is signed or assented to y a majority of the members; and
 - (b) proper notice of 48 hours of the proposed resolution was given to each member and to the Director General, not this that and it was not passed at a meeting of the Board.
- (14) **Protection of Members.** No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted against a member of the Board personally in respect of anything done in pursuance, execution or intended execution of any of the provisions of this Act.
- (15) Ailowances to Members of the Board. Members of the Board and persons co-opted to the Board shall be paid such allowates as the Minister may approve.

§ 203. STATE OF THE AUTHORITY POLICY

In the exercise and performance of the powers and duties assigned under this Act, the Director General shall consider the following, among other things, as being in the public interest:

- (1) The promotion, encouragement, and development of safety in civil aviation; and
- (2) The regulation of civil aviation in such manner as to best promote safety.

§ 204. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

(1) THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

- (a) Appointment. The Authority shall be headed by a Director General, who shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall be responsible for civil aviation in LIBERIA and the administration of this Act.
- (b) Qualification. The Director General shall be appointed with regard to being properly qualified and experienced in civil aviation for the efficient discharge of the powers and duties vested in and imposed by this Act. At the time of nomination, the Director General shall have at least five years of senior management, legal and/or technical aviation experience.
- (c) The Director General shall have no monetary interest in or own any stocks or bonds of any aeronautical enterprise following his appointment.
- (d) The Director General shall not engage in any other business, vocation, or employment.
- (e) Suspension or Removal. The Director General may be suspended or removed from office by the President if he:
 - (i) has demonstrated inability to effectively perform the duties of his office; or
 - (ii) has been absent from 5 (five) consecutive meetings of the Board without the consent of the Chairman unless he show good reason for such absence; or
 - (iii) is guilty of serious miscondu in relation to his duties as Director General; or
 - (iv) in the case of a person posessed of professional qualifications, he is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority; or
 - (v) is guilty of a Conflict of Interest as stipulated in Section 205.1 of this Act.
- (f) The Director General shall not be removed from office except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) **LEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION**

- (a, Appointment. The Authority shall have a Deputy Director General for Administration appointed by the President and subject to confirmation by the Liberian Senate.
- (b) The Deputy Director General for Administration shall assist the Director General in the execution of the administrative functions of the Director General.
- (c) Qualification. The Deputy Director General for Administration must be a person who possesses relevant and adequate professional qualifications and must have served in a senior or middle level managerial position.

(3) DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

(a) Appointment. There shall be a Deputy Director General for Technical Services who shall

be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Liberian Senate.

- (b) The Deputy Director General for Technical Services shall assist the Director General in the execution of the technical functions of the Director General.
- (c) Qualification. The Deputy Director General for Technical Services must be a person who possesses relevant and adequate professional qualifications and must have served in a senior or middle level managerial position in one of the technical areas in the aviation sector.
- (4) All members of the Board, the Director General, the Deputy Director General for Administration and the Deputy Director General for Technical Services shall serve at the will and pleasure of the President of Liberia.

§ 205. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The Director General may, with specific approval of the Board employ and appoint such officers, employees, consultants, attorneys, and agents as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to define their authority and duties. No officer, employee, or attorney of the Authority shall have a monetary interest in or over any stocks and bonds of any aeronautical enterprise.

(1) Conflict of Interest

- (a) Members of the Board, Director General, Deputy Director General's and employees of the Authority shall not control, manage or operate any aviation enterprise while in office.
- (b) Any of the persons specified in sub-section (a) above, aving a financial interest in any aviation enterprise shall make full disclosure of s h interest to their respective appointing authorities.
- (c) Any of the persons mentioned in subsection (a) above is prohibited from participating in any action or decision that may, whether directly o indirectly affect their financial interest(s) in any aviation enterprise.

(2) Pensions

- a) Service in the / uthority shall be approved for the purpose of the Decent Work Act 2016 or any other Act for the time being in force.
- b) The officers and other persons employed in the Authority shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits in conformity with provisions of the Decent Work Act of 2016.
- c) Nothing in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which may preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.
- d) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Decent Work Act, any power exercisable there under by a Minister or other authority is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable solely by the Board.

SUBCHAPTER III - ADMINISTRATION OF THE AUTHORITY

§ 301. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The Director General shall have the power to use, with their consent, the available services, equipment, personnel, and facilities of other agencies of Liberia, or at international level, on a reimbursable basis when appropriate, and on a similar basis to co-operate with those agencies in the establishment and use of services, equipment, and facilities of the Authority.

§ 302. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

The Authority may, where appropriate:

- (1) Accept on behalf of Liberia any gift or donation of money or other property, real or personal, or of services; and
- (2) Acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, personal and real property or interests therein, including, in the case of air navigation facilities owned and operated by Liberia, easements through or other interests in airspace immediately adjacent thereto and needed in connection therewith.

§ 303. FINANCIAL AUTO: OMY

The Authorit shall have financial management autonomy befitting indended endent administrative authorities, a far as its budget is concerned.

§ 304. ANNUAL ESTIMATES

The Authority shall prepare annual estimates of activities at least four months in advance in relation to the beginning of the fiscal year.

§ 305. BUSINESS PLAN

The Authority shall prepare a 5-year business plan, which shall be evaluated and revised every year. When prepare g the business plan, the Board shall consider:

- (1) The performance of the Authority in meeting its objectives;
- (2) Continued maintenance of high standards of Aviation Safety;
- (3) Current and projected aviation growth;
- (4) Regional and International aviation programs agreed on by the Government;
- (5) The authority development plans and to meet with the objectives;
- (6) The objectives and policies of the Government;
- (7) Funds of the Authority;

- (8) Assets and liabilities of the Authority;
- (9) Any other consideration that seems appropriate to the Board.

§ 306. REVENUES

The Authority shall determine the fees to be charged for its services, and generate its own revenues, namely:

- (1) There shall be regulatory fees for stakeholders and participants in the aviation industry paid to the Authority for the purposes of aviation development;
- (2) There shall be a fee for the purposes of aviation development levied on each departing passenger to be collected by the airlines and paid over to the Authority;
- (3) The charge fees mentioned above in Sub-section 306a & b shall be reviewed by the Authority in consultation with the stakeholders from time to time;
- (4) Charges/fees levied and Contributions from operators and other entities of the civil aviation sector, which is necessary to finance its budget;
- (5) Contributions from the annual billing of the Roberts Flight Information Region (Roberts FIR) regarding the immediate previous year;
- (6) The allocations and trans rs from the State Budget and subsidies deriving from any her public or private, national foreign entities;
- (7) The proceeds of its own assets and of constitution of rights on them;
- (8) The interests resulting from financial applications;
- (9) The inheritances, legacies and donations assigned to it:
- (10) The balances settled in each financial year;
- (11) The costs of contravention processes;
- (12) The product of expenses reimbursement made on account of others, in view of the functions committed to it;
- (13) The interest resulting from financial applications; and
- (14) Any other proceeds or revenues that are granted to it by law, contract or otherwise.

§ 307. EXPENDITURES

The Authority on its own accord shall:

(1) Constitutes expenditures of the Authority, resulting from the expenses made in the

performance of the respective functions.

- (2) The Authority is subject to the procedures of public contract regime concerning the acquisition or lease of movable goods and acquisition of services.
- (3) The Board of Directors or the Director General, depending on the case, has the power to authorize expenses, except in the special cases provided by law.

§ 308. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT

The Authority is hereby authorized, subject to available appropriations and applicable laws of Liberia, and in furtherance of the proper exercise of assigned powers and duties under this Act, to contract or otherwise arrange for the services of private persons, and private, public, or governmental organizations.

§ 309. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Authority shall have the power to exchange with foreign governments, through appropriate agencies of the Government of Liberia, information pertaining to civil aviation.

§ 310. DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

- (1) Delegation to Officers, Employees, and Admi istrative Units of Authority. The Director General may, subject to such regulations, su, ervision, and review as may be prescribed, authorize the performance by any officer, employee, or administrative unit under the Director General's jurisdiction of any function under this Act.
- (2) Delegation to Private Persons. The Director General is authorized to delegate any assigned powers and duties to any proper, qualified private person, subject to such regulation, supervision, and review as may be prescribed. However, the Director General shall ensure that such functions are not delegated in such a way that air operators, aerial work or general aviation operators and maintenance facilities, in effect, regulate themselves.
- (3) The Director General shall not delegate his declarative powers.

SUBCHAPTER /- GENERAL POWEFS AND DUTIES

§ 401. GENERAL

- (1) The Authority may by regulation make such provision as expedient:
 - (a) for carrying out the Convention on International Civil Aviation (in this section referred to as "the Convention") concluded at Chicago on the 7th day of December 1944, any Annex to the Convention which relates to international standards and recommended practices and is adopted in accordance with the Convention, and any amendment of the Convention or of any such Annex which is made in accordance with the Convention;
 - (b) for carrying out any other treaty or agreement in the field of civil aviation to which Liberia is a party; and

- (c) generally, for regulating air navigation.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the power conferred therein shall include power to make regulation:
 - (a) for the registration of aircraft in Liberia;
 - (b) for the prohibition of aircraft from flying unless certificates of airworthiness issued or validated under the regulations are in force with respect to them and except upon compliance with such conditions as to maintenance and repair as may be prescribed;
 - (c) for the licensing, inspection and regulation of aerodromes, access to aerodromes and places where aircraft have landed, for the inspection of aircraft factories, and for prohibiting or regulating the use of aerodromes which are not licensed in pursuance to the regulations;
 - (d) for prohibiting persons from engaging in, or being employed in or in connection with, air navigation in such capacities as may be prescribed unless they satisfy the prescribed requirements, and for the licensing of persons employed at aerodromes in the inspection, testing or supervision of aircraft;
 - (e) as to the conditions under which, and in particular the ae dromes to or from which, aircraft entering or leaving Liberia may fly, and as to the conditions, under which aircraft may fly from one part of Liberia to another;
 - (f) as to the conditions under which passengers and goods may be carried by air and under which aircraft may be used for other gainful pulposes, and for prohibiting the carriage by air of goods of such class or classes as may be prescribed:
 - (g) for minimizing or preventing interference with 'he use or effectiveness of apparatus used in connection with air navigation, and for p. phibiting or regulating the use of such apparatus and the display of signs and lights liable to endanger aircraft:
 - (h) generally for securing the safety, efficiency an ! regularity of air navigation and the safety of aircraft and of persons and property carried in aircraft, and for preventing aircraft from endangering other persons and property;
 - (i) for requiring persons engaged in, or employed in or in connection with, air navigation to supply meteorological information for the purposes of air navigation;
 - for regulating the making of signals and other communications by or to aircraft and persons carried in aircraft;
 - for instituting and regulating the use of a civil air ensign and any other ensign established by the Authority for purposes connected with air navigation;
 - (I) for prohibiting aircraft from flying over such areas in Liberia as may be prescribed:

conditions and limitations as are required in the interest of safety;

- (e) issue, renew or validate certificates of airworthiness in respect of an aircraft, and specify in such certificates, the duration of such certificates, the type of services for which the aircraft may be used and such other terms, conditions or limitations as are , required in the interest of safety;
- issue, amend, vary, cancel and suspend airworthiness approvals, licenses and certificates in conformity with regulations made under this Act;
- (g) develop, issue and amend airworthiness directives, bulletins, orders, terms, and conditions to bring them into conformity with airworthiness regulations;
- (h) establish flight operations, airworthiness engineering and air worthiness inspection organizations, necessary for the requirements of safety of air navigation;
- (i) establish a personnel licensing system to License aircraft maintenance personnel, flight crew, air traffic controllers, flight operations officers and such other persons engaged in the use or operation of aircraft, aircraft facilities, aerodromes and other activities related, incidental or supplementary thereto, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, regulations and the licensing requirements specified in Annex 1 of the Chicago Convention;
- specify, monit r and supervise the conditions under which an aircraft ay carry passengers, n and cargo or be used for other purposes, and prohibit an a raft from the carriage o uch classes of goods as the Authority may prescribe from time;
- (k) certify/grant | tenses in respect of aerodromes and certify airways, no igational approaches and landing aids in Liberia to ensure safety of air navigation;
- prohibit and regulate the installation of any structure, which by virtue of its height or position is considered to endanger the safety of air navigation;
- (m) Institute and egulate the use of civil air ensign and other ensign estalished for purposes connected with air navigation in Liberia;
- (n) regulate the activities of air navigation service providers in accordance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and national laws;
- (o) regulate and participate in aeronautical search and rescue operations;
- (p) determine the need for commercial air transport operations;
- (q) regulate the standards for the provisions of air traffic services and prescribe air traffic regulations, rules or conditions on aircraft flights (including safe altitudes) for the purpose of navigating, protecting and identifying aircraft, protecting individuals and property on ground and preventing collision between aircraft and land or water vehicles and between an aircraft and airborne objects;

- (m) for applying the enactments relating to customs in relation to aerodromes and to aircraft and to person and property carried in aircraft:
- (n) as to the manner and conditions of the issue, validation, renewal, extension or variation of any certificate, license or other document required by the regulation (including the , examinations and tests to be undergone) and as to the form, custody, production, cancellation, suspension, endorsement and surrender of any such document:
- (o) for the registration of births and deaths occurring in aircraft and of particulars of persons missing from aircraft:
- (p) for regulating the charges that may be made in respect of air traffic control and meteorological services and for the use of aerodromes licensed under the regulations and for the services provided at such aerodromes:
- (q) for specifying the fees to be paid in respect of the issue, validation, renewal, extension or variation of any certificate, license or other document or the undergoing of any examination or test required by virtue of the regulations and in respect of any other matter in respect of which it appears to the Authority to be expedient for the purposes of the regulations to charge fees;
- for exampling from the provisions of the regulations or any of the many aircraft or persons or classes of aircrafts or persons; as to the conditions under which noise and vibration may be caused by aircraft on aerodromes provided that no action shall lie in respect of nuisance by reason only of the noise and vibration caused by aircraft on an aerodrome so long as the provisions of the regulations in orce as respects aerodromes are complied with;
- (s) as to the circumstances and conditions under which it would be permissible to use aircraft for aerial advertisement and for regulating advertisements by air transport, aerodrome and air traffic control service providers.

(3) The Authority shall have the power to:

- free and unobstructed access to all civil aviation documents, personnel, circraft, aviation facilities, to inspect aircraft, aircraft manufacturers and maintenance facilities or organizations, training facilities (including simulators), and other appliances designed for use in air transportation, as may be necessary to enable the Authority to determine the issuance or granting of a certificate of registration or approval to such aircraft, aircraft manufacturer and maintenance facility or organization and other applicable appliances;
- issue, amend, vary, cancel, refuse and suspend approved maintenance organization certificates in conformity with regulations made under this Act;
- (c) issue, amend, vary, cancel, refuse and suspend a production certificate;
- (d) issue or validate the type of certificates and prescribe in such certificates, terms,

- (r) regulate the standards for the provision of aeronautical meteorological services for the safe conduct of civil aviation operations;
- (s) regulate the standard for the provision of civil aviation security in Liberia.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (3) of the section, the Authority shall have and exercise the powers generally to:
 - (a) regulate, supervise and monitor the activities of Liberian and Foreign carriers, travel and other aviation agents operating in Liberia, and to keep a register in respect thereof;
 - (b) require periodic statistical/financial and special returns and special reports from any air carrier; prescribe the manner and form in which such reports or returns shall be made, and require from any air carrier specific answers to questions upon which it deems information may be necessary;
 - (c) prescribe the form of financial records and memoranda to be kept by air carriers including accounts records and memoranda of the movement of traffic and the receipt of and expenditure of money and length of time such accounts, records and memoranda may be preserved
 - (d) require every Liberian and Foreign carrier to file and keep open for public inspection, tariffs showing all rates fares and charges charged by it, in such form and manner as may be prescribed by a Authority from time to time, and to approve or reject tarisso filed which are incompatible stent with approved rates specified by the Authority under the provisions of this Act, resultations, rules and orders made there under;
 - require an air carrier to maintain reasonable and adequate rates of compensation and other conditions of service for its employees so as to bring them into conformity with prevailing labor practice in the industry;
 - (f) require a domestic air carrier to submit annually and at such other times as it may deem fit, a list showing the names of its shareholders or any person holding more than five percent (5%) of the shees in the air carrier to gether with the names of any person whose behalf such shares are held;
 - (g) require every Liberian carrier to file with it a true copy of every contract or agreement affecting air transportation or any modification or cancellation thereof, between the air carrier and any other air carrier or other bodies, for leases, pooling or apportioning earnings, losses, traffic, service or equipment or relating to establishment of transportation fares, charges or classifications, or for preserving and improving safety, preventing or otherwise eliminating destructive, oppressive or wasteful competition or for any other co-operative working arrangement;
 - (h) disapprove of such contract or agreement described in paragraph (g) above whether or not previously approved that is found to be adverse to the public interest or to be in violation of the provisions of this Act, regulations, rules and orders made by the

Authority under this Act;

- (i) investigate and determine upon its own initiative or upon receipt of a complaint by any air carrier, air travel agent, consumer of air transport service or other allied aviation service provider, whether any air carrier, air travel agent or provider of any other allied aviation service has been or is engaged in unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition in air transportation, the sale of tickets thereof or in the provision of other allied aviation service and order such air carrier, air travel agent or other allied aviation service provider to desist from such practices or methods of competition;
- (j) establish procedures for investigation and determination of requests or applications for special operating authorizations; such procedures may include written notice to holders of air operator's certificates to make submissions which may be heard orally in support of such application as will not unduly delay the issuance of the special operating authorization, taking into consideration the degree or emergency involved;
- (k) participate in matters including Bilateral Air Services Agreements, and generally on activities of international aviation organizations;
- (I) set training standards for and approve air transport training institutions;
- (m) institute program for the protection of consumer interests;
- specify the fees to be paid for the issue, lidation, renewal, extension or variation of any certificate, license or other document sued pursuant to this Act or the undergoing of any examination or test required which may be expedient for the purpose of the regulation of fees charged;
- (o) prescribe the minimum insurance cover to be taken out by any air operator certificate holder, aerodrome operator or air traffic control service provider taking into account, as the basis for such minimum, the respective risk involved in such operations;
- (p) ensure that the extent of insurance cover undertaken by any holder shall not be less than that prescribed by the Authority;
- (q) fix and impose charges in respect of the grant of any License, permit, certificate or other authorization to any person under this Act or regulations made pursuant thereto and in respect of the registration of aircrafts or mortgages in respect thereof, approvals, consents and any other form of benefit conferred on any person pursuant to this Act or the regulations made pursuant thereto;
- (r) conduct economic regulation of airlines, aerodromes, air navigation services, other aviation and allied aviation service providers.
- (5) The powers conferred upon the Authority under this section includes the powers to develop, make, issue and revise regulations, rules, orders, terms and conditions in respect of any matter relating, incidental, or supplemental thereto, or such matter as the Authority may

deem necessary in the public interest and safety of air navigation.

- (6) In the exercise of the powers confermed upon it and the discharge of its functions in this Act, the Authority, subject to the provisions of section 29 in this Act, shall not submit its decision for the approval of or be bound by the decisions or recommendations of any person, body or organization, but shall be guided by safety, security and public interest considerations.
- (7) The powers conferred on and the functions of the Authority in this Act are vested on the Director-General of the Authority who may exercise them directly or through the Directors in charge of the under listed Directorates:
 - (a) Flight Safety Standards;
 - (b) Air Transport Regulation;
 - (c) Aerodromes;
 - (d) Air Navigation Services;
 - (e) Aviation Security;
 - (f) Administration.
- (8) The Coctor General shall establish the credentials of the Safety Insports of the Authority.
- The Director General may delegate any assigned powers and duties to any properly qualified private person, subject to such regulation, supervision at review as may be prescribed by the Authority. However, the Director General shall ensure the such functions are not delegated in such a way that aircraft operators, airport operators, a lial work service providers, general aviation operators and maintenance facility operators, in effect, regulate themselves.
- (10) Regulations made under this section shall provide for the imposition of penalties for offense against the regulations, including the suspension or reveration of certificates, Licenses and authorizations, and in the case of any particular offense such fine as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations made by the Authority and or imprisonment for a term not less than six months, and, subject to Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia (which relates to fundamental rights), for the taking of such teps (including the interception of aircraft) as may be prescribed as respects aircraft flying color areas of Liberia over which flying is prohibited by the regulations.
- (11) Regulations made under this section may make different provisions with respect to different classes of aircraft, aerodromes, persons or property and with respect to different circumstances but shall, so far as practicable, be so framed as not to discriminate in like circumstances.
- (12) In the exercise of its power to make regulations under this section, the Authority shall consult with stakeholders including airlines, aerodrome operators, air traffic control service providers, consumers and other relevant bodies and organizations in the aviation industry.
- (13) *Publications*. The Authority shall provide for the publication of all reports, orders, decisions, rules, and regulations issued under this Act in such form and manner as may be best adapted for public information and use.

§ 402. ORDERS

- (1) Effectiveness of Orders. Except in emergency situations, all orders, rules, and regulations of the Authority shall take effect within such reasonable time as the Authority may prescribe, and shall continue in force until a further order, rule, or regulation, or for a specified period of time, as shall be prescribed in the order, rule, or regulation.
- (2) Emergencies. Whenever the Authority is of the opinion that an emergency requiring immediate action exists with respect to safety in civil aviation, the Authority shall have the power, either upon complaint or the Director General's initiative without complaint, at once, if the Director General so orders, without answer or other form of pleading by the interested person or persons, and with or without notice, hearing, or the making or filing of a report, to make such just and reasonable orders, rules, or regulations as may be essential in the interest of safety in civil aviation to meet such emergency; provided that the Authority shall immediately thereafter initiate proceedings relating to the matter giving rise to any such order, rule, or regulation.
- (3) Suspension and Modification of Orders. The Authority shall have the power to suspend or modify orders upon such notice and in such manner as the Authority shall find proper.

§ 403. APPLICABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, in the exercise of making rules and regulations under this Act, the Director General shall be subject to the provisions of [State Administrative Procedures] Act.

§ 404. PUBLIC CON LIANCE

It shall be the duty of every person (along with any agents and employees thereof in the case of entities other than individuals) subject to this Act, to observe and comply with any order, rule, regulation, or certificate issued by the Authority under this Act, affecting such person so long as the same shall remain in effect.

§ 405. EXEMPTIONS

- (1) The Director General may grant exemptions from the requirements of observing any rule or regulation perscribed under this Act if the Authority finds such action would be in the public interest.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) above, the Director General may not grant exemptions from the requirements of this Act.

§ 406. DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

The Authority is authorized to, and empowered to encourage and foster the safe development of civil aviation in Liberia.

§ 407. AIRSPACE CONTROL AND FACILITIES

(1) Use of Airspace. The Authority is authorized and empowered to develop, plan for, and formulate policy with respect to the use of the navigable airspace of Liberia. The Authority

may assign by rule, regulation, or order the use of the navigable airspace under such terms, conditions, and limitations as the Director General may find necessary to insure the safety of aircraft and the efficient utilization of such airspace.

(2) Limits on Authority. The authority of the Director General under this Section shall be exercised only in that airspace for which air traffic control responsibility has not been assigned to a foreign country by international agreement or other arrangement.

§ 408. AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES

The Authority may, within the limits of available appropriations:

- (1) Acquire, establish, and improve air navigation facilities wherever necessary; and
- (2) Operate and maintain such air navigation facilities.

§ 409. REGULATION OF AIR TRAFFIC

- (1) General. The Authority shall have the power to prescribe, as in the opinion of the Authority may be necessary in the interests of aviation safety, air traffic rules and regulations-
 - (a) Governing the flight of aircraft;
 - (b) For the navigation, protectic, and identification of aircraft;
 - (c) For the protectio of persons and property on the ground; and
 - (d) For the efficient tilization of the navigable airspace, including rules as to safe littude of flight and rule. for the prevention of collision between aircraft, between airc. aft and land or water vehicles and objects, and between aircraft and airborne objects.
- (2) Facilities and Personnel. The Authority is authorized to provide, as required in the interest of aviation safety, the necessary facilities and personnel for the regulation and protection of air traffic.
- (3) Limits on Authority. The authority granted to the LCAA under this Section shall be exercised only in that airspace for which air traffic control responsibility has not been assigned to a foreign country by international agreement or other arrangement.
- (4) National Defense and Civil Needs. In exercising the authority granted in, and discharging the duties imposed by this Act, the Director General shall give full consideration to the requirements of national defense, of commercial and general aviation and to the public right of transit through the navigable airspace.

§ 410. FLIGHT SAFETY STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

- (1) Establishment. The Authority is authorized to establish an organization to assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the Authority's office for certification and on-going inspections of aircraft, airmen and air operators.
- (2) Facilities and Personnel. The Authority is authorized to provide, as required in the interest of

aviation safety, the necessary facilities and personnel for the Civil Aviation Authority for performances of its functions.

§ 411. VALIDATION

The Authority is authorized, in the discharge of certification and inspection responsibilities, to validate the actions of the civil aviation authority of another State in lieu of taking the specific action; with the following restrictions:

- (1) For action on airman or airworthiness certificates, the other State must be a party to the Chicago Convention and be fulfilling their obligations under the Chicago Convention with respect to the issuance and currency of these certificates.
- (2) For actions applicable to Air Operators, the Authority must exercise discretion and require supporting documents; and
- (3) The Authority should ensure that, when validation is based on the actions of another civil aviation authority, there is no information to indicate that State does not meet their obligations under the Chicago Convention regarding certification and on-going validation of their air operators.

§ 412. RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR INSPECTION

- (1) The Director General shall be authorized access to civil aircraft without restriction wherever they are operated within Liberia airspace for the purposes of ensuring that those aircraft are airworthy and are being operated in accretance with this Act, regulations issued under this Act, and applicable ICAO Annexes to the Citago Convention.
- (2) The Director General shall be authorized access to civil aircraft registered in Liberia without restriction wherever they are operated in the world for the purposes of ensuring that these aircraft are airworthy and are being operated in accordance with this Act, regulations issued under this Act, and applicable directives and Annexes to the Chicago Convention
- (3) The Director General shall be authorized access by Liberia Air Operators any place and any time to conduct any tests or inspections in order to determine that those operations are conducted in accordance with this Act, regulations issued under this Act, and applicable directives and Annexes to the Chicago Core ention.

§ 413. AUTHORITY TO PREVENT FLIGHT

- (1) The Director General is authorized to direct the operator or airman of a civil aircraft that the aircraft is not to be operated in situations where:
 - (a) The aircraft may not be airworthy; or
 - (b) The airman may not be qualified or physically or mentally capable for the flight; or
 - (c) The operation would cause imminent danger to persons or property on the ground.
- (2) The Director General may take such steps as are necessary to detain such aircraft or airmen.

§ 414. THE TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR

The Director General shall monitor and enforce compliance with the provisions of Annex 18 to the Chicago Convention and the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, and is authorized to submit variations to the Technical Instructions on behalf of Liberia where necessary.

§ 415. INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

In exercising and performing powers and duties under this Act, the Director General shall act consistently with any obligation assumed by the Government of Liberia under any international treaty, convention and agreement that may be in force between the Government of Liberia and any foreign countries.

SUBCHAPTER V - SECURITY

§ 501. AVIATION SECURITY

- (1) **Primary Objective.** The Authority as a primary objective shall take measures to ensure the safety of passengers, crew, ground personnel and the general public in all matters related to safeguarding against acts of unlawful interference.
- (2) Sc. sening. The Director General shall prescribe reasonable regulations requiring that all passengers and all property intended to be carried in the aircraft hold or cabin in commercial air transport be screened by weapon detecting proceures, including x-ray metal detection or physical search or other procedures facilities employees or agents of the air operator or foreign appropriate operator prior to boarding the aircraft for such transportation.
- (3) Protection Against Acts of Unlawful Interference, to Include Acts of Violence and Piracy. The Director General is hereby authorized to prescribe such other reasonable rules and regulations requiring such practices, methods, and procedures as the Director General may find necessary to protect persons and property aboard aircraft operating in commercial air transport against acts of criminal violence and aircraft piracy.
- (4) Procedures for Inspections, Detentions, and Searches. The Director General shall, to the extent practicable, require uniform procedures for the inspection, detention, and search of persons and property in domestic commercial air transport and international commercial air transport to assure their safety and security to assure that they will receive courteous and efficient treatment by air operators and their agents and employees.

§502. NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY PROGRAM

The Director General shall coordinate the establishment and have power to give effect to the requirements contained within the National Civil Aviation Security Program of Liberia which will require the creation and implementation of:

- (1) an airport security program for every airport; and
- (2) an airline security program for every airline operating in Liberia.

- (3) to review and keep in force the national program of civil aviation security, including evaluation of security measures and procedures following an ad of unlawful interference and to take the necessary steps to overcome the weakness as well as to prevent its recurrence;
- (4) to review and approve the security programs of the air operators and international airports;
- (5) to assure that to the services responsible for airport security are guaranteed the necessary means in facilities, including spaces for offices, communications resources, adequate security equipment and for training of the security personnel;
- (6) to develop and review, depending on the needs, the national policies related to civil aviation security;
- (7) to develop and issue national regulations concerning civil aviation security;
- (8) to ensure that the architecture of the airport infrastructures comprise necessary requirements for implementation of measures of civil aviation security in an integrated way, either in the architectural designs of the new facilities or in the alterations on existing facilities in Liberia airports;
- (9) to develop and implement the national training program of civil aviation security and coordinate its development and approve the individual training programs of operators and organizations; and
- (10) to deve p and implement the national program of quality control of cipi aviation security and ensure aspections to determine whether the pertinent legislation program and its implement attain.

§ 503. NATIO! AL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROGRAM

The Director Teneral shall coordinate the establishment and have power to give effect to the requirements contained within the National Air Transport Facilitation Program of Liberia which will require the creation and implementation of:

- (1) an airport facilitation program for every airport; and
- (2) establish procedures for airlines to provide advance passenger information and cargo manifests to relevant authoritie;
- (3) to support border control agencies in the establishment and maintenance of effective inspection systems at airports in their efforts to rationalize respective procedures:
- (4) to develop programs for control of security problems such as document fraud, illegal migration and smuggling;
- (5) to establish framework to coordinate preparations for clearing large numbers of international visitors for special events, e.g. international athletics competition, emergency response missions;

(6) to establish, review and amend as necessary the national policies related to border control measures regarding prevention of the spread of contagious diseases by air, for example aircraft disinsection, disinfection, public health-related quarantine programs, and screening measures to be applied in a health emergency.

§ 504. AVIATION SECURITY DEPARTMENT

- (1) The Director General shall form an Aviation Security Department responsible for the development of the national civil aviation security policies of Liberia.
- (2) Subject to the Director General, the civil aviation security responsibilities of the aviation security department are:
 - (a) The compilation, revision and development of the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP) in compliance with Annexes 17 and 9 to the Chicago Convention;
 - (b) The establishment, production, promulgation and review of the NCASP to ensure it continues to meet Liberia's obligations and is consistent with Government policy;
 - (c) The defining and allocating of tasks within government policy for implementation of the National Civil Aviation Security Program as between Government agencies and Aviation stakeholders;
 - (d) The establishment and promulgation of technical criteria to be met by those responsible f r implementing security measures under the national ci | aviation security prog m;
 - (e) To regularly enalyze the level of threat to civil aviation and initiate such actions with airlines, airports, providers of security services and other organizations confributing to the program, sufficient to effectively counter the perceived level of threat;
 - (f) To ensure t at surveys, inspections, audits, tests and investigations is security standards and security measures as well as operating procedures of airports, airlines and providers of security services for the purposes of the compilation of the NCASP are conducted;
 - (g) To receive, collate, analyze and disseminate information on any threat discovered or confiscated material and provide a technical reference and information center for the use of the Civil Aviation Authority, Airport Authority, airport administrations, operators and security services;
 - (h) To foster and promote good working relationships, cooperation and the exchange of relevant information and experience among States, particularly with neighboring States and those with which Liberia has major air transport relationships;
 - To ensure that Liberia's NCASP is current, effective, and amended from time to time as required by changing circumstances;
 - (j) To draft policy in respect to the implementation of the NCASP;

- (k) To develop national standards relating to the specifications of security equipment, systems and airport design;
- (I) To coordinate security measures and procedures with appropriate organizations, agencies and relevant departments;
- (m) To develop effective strategies for compliance with aviation security standards;
- (n) To assess security related decisions taken by industry at all levels for impact on aviation security; and
- (o) To review approval requests for exchange of sensitive aviation security information between Contracting States of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

§505. NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY COMMITTEE

- (1) The President shall constitute a National Civil Aviation Security Committee to coordinate aviation security activities by relevant national security entities. The NCASC is a standing committee and shall meet biannually or as often as the President deems necessary. Records of meetings shall be maintained. The President of the Republic of Liberia shall appoint the Chairperson of the Committee.
- (2) The objective of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee shall be to:
 - (a) Advise the Liberia Civil Avi on Authority regarding aviation security measures necessary to meet threats to collaboration and its facilities:
 - (b) Keep the implementation of such measures under constant review. Make recommendations for change to these measures in response to new threat information, developments in aviation sec rity technology and techniques, and other pertinent factors that have an impact on the implementation of this program;
 - (c) Ensure the coordination of aviation security measures among departments, agencies and other organizations responsible for the implementation of the NCASP, subject to the form and extent of threats;
 - (d) Promote security considerations in the design of new airports or the expansion of existing facilities;
 - In coordination with the LCAA, recommend for promulgation, and coordinate the implementation of changes in the national civil aviation security policies;
 - (f) Consider recommendations made by all airports security committees and where appropriate recommend changes to LCAA;
 - (g) Propose new aviation security policies and regulations or amendments to existing ones;

- (h) Act as a forum for the discussion and appropriate dissemination of threat information requiring adjustment of Security measures and procedures;
- (i) Consider ways to cooperate with international organizations and other States so as to achieve common minimum aviation security standards that enhance the security of civil 'aviation as a whole;
- (3) The composition of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee shall be decided upon by the President of Liberia. In appointing members of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee, it should be ensured that it comprises the head or a senior member from each of the following entities:
 - (a) The Ministry of Transport
 - (b) The Ministry of National Defense
 - (c) The National Security Agency
 - (d) The Liberia Civil Aviation Authority
 - (e) The Liberian Airport Authority
 - (f) The Ministry of Justice
 - (g) The Ministry of State for Presidential Affai
 - (h) The National Security Advisor
 - (i) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - (j) The Liberian National Police
 - (k) The Liberia Immigration Services
 - (I) The Drug Enforcement Agency
 - (m) The Executive Protection Service
 - (n) The Liberia Revenue Authority (Bureau of Customs)
 - (o) Ministry of Agriculture Quarantine Service
 - (p) The Ministry of Health
 - (q) The Ministry of Post and Telecommunications
 - (r) Aircraft Operators' Representative

§506. NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION COMMITTEE

- (1) The President shall constitute a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) to ensure smooth movement of passengers and cargo in consideration of security measures. The NATFC is a standing committee and shall meet annually or as often as the President deems necessary. Records of meetings shall be maintained. The President of the Republic of Liberia shall appoint the Chairperson of the Committee.
- (2) The objective of the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee shall be to:
 - (a) Advise the Liberia Civil Aviation Authority regarding procedures aimed at the
 efficient application of border controls on passengers taking into account the
 application of aviation security, customs, health and narcotics control
 measures;
 - (b) Keep the implementation of such measures under constant review. Make recommendations for change to these measures in response to new developments in aviation security technology and techniques, and other pertinent factors that have an impact on the implementation of this program;
 - (c) Ensure the coordination of aviation security measures among departments, agencies and other organizations responsible for the implementation of the NATFP, for smooth movement of passengers and cargo;
 - (d) Promote security considerations and efficiency of movemer in the design of new airports or the expansion of existing facilities;
 - (e) In coordination with the LCAA, recommend for promulgation, and coordinate the implementation of changes in national air transport facilitation policies;
 - (f) Consider recommendations made by all airports facilitation committees and where appropriate recommend changes to the LCAA;
 - (g) Propose new air transport facilitation policies and regulations or make amendments to existing ones;
 - (h) Consider ways to cooperate with international organizations and other States so as to achieve common minimum standards that enhance freedom of movement whilst promoting the security of civil aviation as a whole.
- (3) The composition of the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee shall be approved by the President of Liberia. In appointing members of the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee, it should be ensured that it comprises the head or a senior member from each of the following entities:
 - (a) The Ministry of Transport

- (b) The Liberia Civil Aviation Authority
- (c) The Liberia Airports Authority
- (d) The Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs
- (e) The National Security Advisor
- (f) The Ministry of Commerce
- (g) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (h) The Ministry of Justice
- (i) Ministry of Agriculture Quarantine Service
- (j) The Ministry of Health
- (k) The Ministry of Post and Telecommunications
- (I) The Liberia Immigration Services
- (m) The Liberia Revenue "Ithority (Bureau of Customs)
- (n) The Liberian National Police
- (o) The Natie al Security Agency
- (p) The Drug Enforcement Agency
- (q) Aircraft Operators' Representative

§ 507. POWER TO SEARCH

- (1) The Director General shall establish the credentials of the security inspectors of the authority.
- (2) The Director General may delegate any assigned powers to any properly qualified person, subject to such regulation supervision and review as may be prescribed by the authority.
- (3) The Director General or an officer of the Authority's security force may stop and search:
 - a vehicle entering or leaving a restricted or prohibited place or area of an airport;
 - (b) a person or vehicle entering or leaving any area of an airport, if he has reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under this Act has been committed or is about to be committed, or as part of routine procedure.

§ 508. POWER TO STOP AND SEARCH VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT AND INSPECT GOODS

A member of the delegate security force or an authorized officer or agent may:

- (1) Stop, question and search any person or passenger who is leaving a cargo area and inspect any receptacle carried by the person;
- (2) Stop and search any vehicle or aircraft which is leaving the cargo area and inspect the vehicle or aircraft and any goods carried in it; and
- (3) Detain in a cargo area:
 - (a) goods for which no valid document is produced authorizing their removal from the cargo area;
 - (b) a vehicle or an aircraft where there are in or on it, goods liable to detention under the laws of Liberia;
 - (c) The Authority may, by order published in the Gazette, designate any area, which is used wholly or in part for storage or handling of cargo as a "cargo area" for the purpose of this section.

§ 509. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE BY CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

- (1) In order to monitor and enforce compliance with this Act, and subject to the conditions of his or her appointment, a person referred to in 5 ction 507 as inspector, may at any reasonable time and without prior notice without a warrant:
 - (a) Enter into any aircraft, place ir premises;
 - (b) Inspect such aircraft, place premises;
 - (c) Examine any object, make copies of extracts from any book or document found on such aircraft, place or premises that the person referred to in Section 507, believes on reasonable grounds contain any information relevant to the administration of, and in compliance with this Act;
 - (d) Require any person to furnish the person referred to in Section 507 of this Act, with such information or documents, returns or other particulars as may be necessary for the proper administration on his Act;
 - (e) While on the premises, or at any time thereafter, question any person who is or was on the premises, either alone or in the presence of any other person on any matter to which this Act relates;
 - (f) Order any person who has control over or custody of any book, document or thing on or in those premises to produce to him forthwith, or at such time and place as may be determined by him, such book, document or thing; or
 - (g) At any time and place order any person who has the possession or custody of or is in the control of a book, document or thing relating to the business of an employer, to produce forthwith or at such time and place as may be determined by him, such book, document or thing.

- (2) A person executing the inspection as contemplated in subsection (1) must show his or her authorization to any person requesting it and may be accompanied by an interpreter and any other person reasonably required to assist him or her in conducting the inspection.
- (3) No information obtained during the inspection contemplated in subsection (1) which is of a confidential, personal, commercially sensitive or proprietary nature may be made public or otherwise disclosed to any person without the permission of the person to whom that information relates or used for person without the permission of the person to whom that information relates or used for purposes of prosecution.

SUBCHAPTER VI - NATIONALITY AND OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT

§ 601. AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION

- (1) Establishment of Registry. The Director General will establish and maintain a system for the national registration of civil aircraft in Liberia.
- (2) Registration Requirement. It shall be unlawful to operate a civil aircraft in Liberia unless it is registered in Liberia or is registered under the laws of a foreign country.
- (3) Eligibility. An aircraft shall be eligible for registration if and only if it is not registered in a foreign country and unless otherwise permitted by the Director General by regulation, it is owned by:
 - (a) A citizen of Liberia;
 - (b) A partnership that is not a citizen of 1 eria of which each member is a citizen of Liberia;
 - (c) The Government of Liberia thereof; or
 - (d) A body incorporated under the laws of Liberia.
- (4) Certificate of Registration. Upon request of the owner of any aircraft eligible for registration) such aircraft shall be registered by the Director General and the Director General shall issue to the owner thereof a certificate of registration.
- (5) Application. Applications for such certificates shall be in such form, be filed in such manner, and contain such information as the Director General may require.
- (6) Suspension and Revocation. Any certificate issued by the Authority may be suspended or revoked by the Director General for any cause if the Director General finds such suspension or revocation to be in the public interest.
- (7) Nationality and Evidence of Ownership. An aircraft shall acquire Liberia nationality when registered under this Act. A certificate of registration issued under this Section shall not be considered evidence as to ownership in any proceeding under the laws of Liberia in which ownership of the aircraft by a particular person is or may be an issue.

§ 602. RECORDATION OF INTERESTS IN AIRCRAFT

- (1) Establishment of System. The Director General is authorized to establish a national system for recording documents which affect title to or any interest in any civil aircraft registered in Liberia and in any aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, or spare part intended for use on any aircraft registered in Liberia.
- (2) Validity Before Filing. Upon the Director General establishing a recording system, no document affecting title to or any interest in such registered aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, or spare parts shall be valid, except between the parties thereto, unless it is recorded in that system.
- (3) Applicable Laws. The validity of any document so recorded, unless otherwise specified by the parties thereto, shall be determined under the laws of Liberia. The requirements for documents to be recorded shall be specified in regulations issued by the Director General.

SUBCHAPTER VII SAFETY REGULATION OF CIVIL AVIATION

§ 701. GENERAL SAFETY POWERS AND DUTIES

- (1) Promoting Safety. The Director General shall have the power and duty to promote safety of flight of civil aircraft in civil aviation by prescribing and revising from time to time as necessary:
 - (a) Rules and regulations implementing, at a minimum, all Standards and Recommended Practices of the Annexes to the Chicago Convention; and
 - Such other reasonable rules, regulations, or minime is standards governing other practices, methods, and procedures as the Director of neral may find necessary to provide adequately for safety in civil aviation.
- (4) Considerations in the Regulation of Air Operators. In prescribing standards, rules, and egulations and in issuing certificates under this Act, the Director General shall take into consideration the obligation of air operators to perform their services with the highest possible degree of safety in the public interest.

§ 702. AIRMAN CERTIFICATES

- (1) Authority to Certificate Airmen. The Director General is authorized to issue airman certificates specifying the capacity in which the holders thereof are authorized to serve as airman in connection with aircraft.
- (2) Application and Issuance. Any person may file with the Director General an application for an airman certificate.
- (3) If the Director General finds, after-investigation, that such person possesses the proper qualifications for, and is physically able to, perform the duties pertaining to the position for which the airman certificate is sought, the Director General shall issue such certificate.
- (4) The Director General may, in lieu of such a finding, consider prior issuance of an airman certificate by a foreign country that is a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization as satisfactory evidence, in whole or in part, that the airman possesses the

accordance with the requirements of this Act and the rules, regulations, and standards prescribed there under, the Director General shall issue an air operator certificate to such applicant.

§ 705. APPROVED MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION

- (1) Examination and Rating. The Director General shall provide for the examination and rating of:
 - (a) Approved Maintenance Organization or shops for the repair, alteration, maintenance, and overhaul of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances, as to the adequacy and suitability of the equipment, facilities, and materials for, and methods of, repair and overhaul, and the competency of those engaged in the work or giving any instruction therein.
- (2) Authority to Certificate. The Director General is hereby authorized to issue appropriate certificates of approval for approved maintenance organizations.
- (3) Authority to Certificate Travel Agents. The Director General is hereby authorized to issue Travel Agent certificates specifying the capacity in which the holders thereof are authorized to serve as travel or cargo agent in connection with airline ticketing and cargo.

§ 706. TRAINING SCHOOLS

- (1) Authority to Operate. The Director General may operate a school or schools for the purpose of training employees of the Authority in those subjects necessary for the proper performance of all authorized function of the Authority. The Director General also may authorized attendance at courses given in such schools by other governmental personnel and personnel of foreign governments, or personnel of the aeronautical industry.
- (2) Offset of Training Costs. The Director General is hereby authorized, where appropriate, o require payment of appropriate consideration to offset the costs of training provided by such school or schools.
- (3) **Private and Commercial.** The Director General shall approve private training schools to operate within compliance with requirements and specifications as proposed by the Director General. Upon completion of such requirements, an Aviation Training Operator (A^T) certificate may be issued to,
 - (a) Civilian schools giving instruction in flying or in the repair, alteration, maintenance and overhaul of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances, as to the adequacy of the course of instruction, the suitability and airworthiness of the equipment, and the competency of the instructors.

§ 707. FORM OF APPLICATIONS

Applications for certificates issued under the authority of this Act shall be in such form, contain such information, and be filed and served in such manner as the Director General may prescribe and shall be under oath or affirmation whenever the Director General so requires.

§ 708. AIR NAVIGATION FACILITY SAFETY STANDARDS

- qualifications and physical ability to perform the duties pertaining to the position for which the airman certificate is sought.
- (5) Terms and Conditions. The certificate shall contain such terms, conditions, and tests of physical fitness, and other matters as the Director General may determine to be necessary to assure safety in civil aviation.
- (6) Certification of Foreign Nationals. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this Section, the Director General may prohibit or restrict, in such manner as the Director General shall deem appropriate, the issuance of airman certificates to citizens of foreign countries.
- (7) Contents. Each airman certificate shall:
 - (a) Be numbered and recorded by the Director General;
 - (b) State the name and address of, and contain a description of, the person to whom the certificate is issued; and
 - (c) Be titled with the designation of the airman privileges authorized.

§ 703. AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATES

- (1) Authority to Certific te Airworthiness. The owner of any aircraft registered in Libe a may file with the Director Geral an application for an airworthiness certificate for such aircraft.
- (2) Issuance If the Director General finds that the aircraft conforms to he appropriate type certificate and, after inspection, finds that the aircraft is in an airwork y condition for safe operation the Director General shall issue an airworthiness certificate.
- (3) Terms and Conditions. The Director General may prescribe in an airwor hiness certificate the duration of such certificate, the type of service for which the aircraft may be used, and such other terms, conditions, limitations, and information as are required in the interest of safety.
- (4) Each airworthiness certificate issued by the Director General shall be recorded by the Director General.
- (5) Airworth less Approvals. The Director General may prescribe the terms under which additional airworthiness approvals for the purposes of modification may be issued.

§704. AIR OPERATOR CERTIFICATE (AOC)

- (1) Authority to Certificate Carriers and Establish Safety Standards. The Director General may issue an air operator certificates and establish safety standards in accordance with Annex 6 to the Chicago Convent for the operation of the air operator to which any such certificate is issued.
- (2) Application and issuance. Any person desiring to operate as an air operator may file with the Director General an application for an air operator certificate.
- (3) If the Director General finds, after thorough investigation, that the applicant is properly and adequately equipped and has demonstrated the ability to conduct a safe operation in

(1) Minimum Safety Standards. The Director General shall have the power to prescribe and revise from time to time as necessary minimum safety standards for the operation of air navigation facilities located in Liberia.

(2) Certification of Airports.

- (a) 'The Director General is empowered to issue airport certificates to, and to establish minimum safety standards for the operation of, airports that serve any scheduled or unscheduled passenger operations of air operator or foreign air operator aircraft.
- (b) Any person desiring to operate an airport that is described in this subsection and that is required by the Director General, by rule, to be certified may file with the Director General an application for an airport operating certificate.
- (c) If the Director General finds, after investigation, that such person is properly and adequately equipped and able to conduct a safe operation in accordance with the requirements of this Act and the rules, regulations, and standards prescribed there under, the Director General shall issue an airport operating certificate to such person.
- (d) Each airport operating certificate shall prescribe such terms, conditions, and limitations as are reasonably necessary to assure safety in commercial air transport.
- (e) Unless the Director General determines the it would be contrary to the public interest, such terms, conditions, and limitations small include but not be limited to terms, conditions, and limitations relating to:
 - (i) The operation and matenance of adequate safety equipment, including firefighting and rescue ε lipment capable of rapid access to any portion of the airport used for landing, takeoff, or surface maneuvering of aircraft; and
 - (ii) The condition and maintenance of primary and secondary runways as the Director General determines to be necessary.

§ 709. DUTY OF OPERATORS AND AIRMEN

- (1) Duty of Operators. It shall be the duty of each operator to make or cause to be made, such inspection, maintenance, overhaul, and repair of all equipment used in civil aviation and to ensure that the operations conducted are in accordance with this Act and the regulations, directives and orders of the Director General issued under this Act.
- (2) Duties of Air Operators. It shall be the duty of each holder of an Air Operator Certificate to ensure that the maintenance of aircraft and operations of that air operator are conducted in the public interest and in accordance with the requirements of this Act and the regulations, directives and orders issued under this Act by the Director General.
- (3) Duties of Airmen. It shall be the duty of each holder of an airman certificate to observe and comply with the authority and limitations of that certificate, the requirements of this Act and the regulations, directives and orders issued under this Act.
- (4) Duty of Persons Generally. It shall be the duty of every person performing duties in civil aviation to observe and comply with the requirements of this Act and the orders, rules, and

regulations issued under this Act relating to their tasks.

(5) Dangerous Goods. It shall be the duty of every person who offers, or accepts, shipments, cargo, or baggage for commercial air transport, whether originating or arriving in international flights to or from Liberia, or for flights within Liberia, to offer or accept such shipments, cargo, or baggage in accordance with the provisions of Annex 18 to the Chicago Convention and the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.

§ 710. AUTHORITY TO INSPECT

- (1) Authority to Inspect Equipment. The Director General shall have the power and duty to:
 - (a) Make such inspections of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances used by any operator of civil aircraft as may be necessary to determine that the operators are maintaining these in safe condition for the operation in which they are used; and
 - (b) Advise each operator in the inspection and maintenance of these items.
- (2) Unsafe Aircraft, Engines, Propellers, and Appliances. When the Director General finds that any aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance, used or intended to be used by any operator in civil aviation, is not in a condition for safe operation, the Director General shall so notify the operator.
- (3) Such aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance then shall not be used in civil aviation or in such manner as to endanger civil aviation, unless and till found by the Director General to be in a condition for safe operation.

§ 711. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATES

- (1) Re-Inspection and Re-Examination. The Director General may, from time to time, for any reason, re-inspect or re-examine any civil aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, air operator, school, or approved maintenance organization, or any civil airman holding a certificate issued under § 602 of this Act.
- Actions of the Director General. If, as a result of any such re-inspection or re-examination, or if, as a result of any other investigation made by the Dector General, the Director General determines that afety in civil aviation or commercial air transport and the public interest requires, the Director General may issue an order amending, modifying, suspending, or revoking, in whole or in part, any airworthiness certificate, airman certificate, air operator certificate, or certificate for any airport, school, or approved maintenance organization issued under this Act.
- (3) Notice to Certificate Holders and Opportunity to Answer. Prior to amending, modifying, suspending, or revoking any of the foregoing certificates, the Director General shall advise the holder thereof as to any charges or reasons relied upon by the Director General for the proposed action and, except in cases of emergency, shall provide the holder of such a certificate an opportunity to answer any charges and be heard as to why such certificate should not be amended, modified, suspended, or revoked.
- (4) Appeals. Any person whose certificate is affected by such an order of the Director General

- under this Section may appeal the Director General's order to the Court of Competent Jurisdiction, and the Director General shall be made a party to such proceedings.
- (5) Effectiveness of Orders Pending Appeal. The filing of an appeal with the Court of Competent Jurisdiction shall stay the effectiveness of the Director General's order unless the Director General advises the appropriate court that an emergency exists and safety in civil aviation requires the immediate effectiveness of the order, in which event the court may order that the Director General's order shall remain effective pending judicial review.

§ 712. PROHIBITIONS

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to:
 - (a) Operate in civil aviation any civil aircraft for which there is not currently in effect an airworthiness certificate, or in violation of the terms of any such certificate;
 - (b) Serve in any capacity as an airman in connection with any civil aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance used or intended for use in civil aviation without an airman certificate authorizing that person to serve in such capacity, or in violation of any term, condition, or limitation of this certificate, or in violation of any order, rule, or regulation issued under this Act;
 - (c) Employ for service in connection with any civil aircraft used in civil aviation an airman who doe, not have an airman certificate authorizing that person to serve in the capacity for which the person is employed;
 - (d) Operate as an air operator without an air operator certificite, or in violation of the terms of any such certificate;
 - (e) Operate aircraft in civil aviation in violation of any rule, regulation, or certificate issued by the Director General under this Act; and
 - (f) While holding a certificate issued to a school or approved me intenance organization as provided in this Act, to violate any term, condition, or limitation thereof, to violate any order, rule, or regulation made under this Act relating to the holder of such certificate.
- (2) Exe ption. On terms the Director General prescribes as being 1 the public interest, the Director General may exe npt a foreign aircraft and airmen serving on the aircraft f om subsection (1) of this section. However, an exemption from observing air traffic regulations may not be granted.

SUBCHAPTER VIII - PENALTIES

§ 801. CIVIL PENALTIES

(1) General Penalty. Any person, other than a person conducting an operation in commercial air transport or international commercial air transport, who violates any provision of this Act or any rule, regulation, or order issued there under, shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding Twenty Thousand United States Dollars for each such violation. If any such violation is a continuing one, each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offence.

- (2) Penalties Applicable to Commercial Air Transport. Any person conducting an operation in commercial air transport or international commercial air transport who violates any provision of this Act or any rule, regulation, or order issued there under shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars for each such violation. If any such violation is a continuing one, each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offence.
- (3) Penalty Considerations. The Director General shall have the power to assess and compromise any civil penalty. In determining the amount of such penalty, the Director General shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation committed and, with respect to the person found to have committed such violation, the degree of culpability, history of prior offences, ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, and such other matters as justice may require.
- (4) Inflation Adjustment to Civil Penalties. The Director General shall adjust the amount of civil monetary penalties for inflation at least every four years. Prior to adjusting the civil penalties for inflation, the Director General shall submit the proposed increase to the Board for approval. Once approved by the Board, the Director General shall publish the adjusted monetary civil penalties to the public. Thirty (30) days after the Director General first publishes the adjusted civil monetary penalties, the modified civil penalties may be imposed for all violations committed after the date of publication.
- (5) Aircraft Subject to Liens. In case a civil aircraft is involved in such violation and the violation is by the owner or operator of the aircraft, such aircraft shall be subject to a lien for the penalty.
- (6) Dangerous Goods. Are person who, with actual knowledge of the facts of the occurence, or who can be imputed to have such knowledge as reasonable person exercising reason. The care in the circumstances, offers or accepts dangerous goods for commercial air transport in violation of Annex 18 to the Chicago Convention or the ICAO Technical Instruction for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air has violated the duty imposed by in § 609(5) of this Act, and shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding Ten Thousand United States Dellars for each part of the ICAO echnical Instruction for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Good; by Air that are violated.

§ 802. CRIMINAL PENALTIES

- (1) Certificate Violations. Every person who knowingly and willfully forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any certificate authorized to be issued under this Act, or knowingly uses or attempts to use any such fraudulent certificate; and
- (2) Any person who knowingly and willfully displays or causes to be displayed on any aircraft any marks that are false or misleading as to the nationality or registration of the aircraft, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.
- (3) Interference with Air Navigation. A person shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both, who-

- (a) With intent to interfere with air navigation within Liberia, exhibits within Liberia any light, signal, or communication at such place or in such manner that is likely to be mistaken for a true light or signal established pursuant to this Act, or for a true light or signal in connection with an airport or other air navigation facility, or, after due warning by the Director General, continues to maintain any such misleading light or signal; or
- (b) Knowingly removes, extinguishes, or interferes with the operation of any such true light or signal.
- (4) Reporting and Record Keeping Violations. Any air operator, or any officer, agent, employee, or representative thereof, who shall, knowingly and willfully, fails or refuses to make a report to the Director General as required by this Act; or fails or refuses to keep or preserve accounts, records, and memoranda in the form and manner prescribed or approved by the Director General; or mutilates or alter any such report, account, record, or memorandum; or files a false report, account, record, or memorandum; shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be liable for each offence to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both the fine and imprisonment.
- (5) Refusal to Testify or Produce Records. Every person who shall neglect or refuse to attend and testify, or to answer any lawful inquiry, or to produce books, papers, or documents, if in t at person's power to do so, in obedience to a subpoena or lawful requirement of the Director General, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not less than Ten Thousand Dollars and not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

(6) Aircraft Piracy.

- (a) Whoever commits or attempts to commit aircraft piracy, as herein defined, shall be punished-
 - (i) With imprisonment or
 - (ii) If the death of another person results from the commission or attempted commission of the offence, with imprisonment for life.
- (b) An attempt to commit ail raft piracy shall be within the special aircraft jurisdiction of Liberia even though the aircraft is not in flight at the time of such attempt, if the aircraft would have been within the special jurisdiction of Liberia had the offence of aircraft piracy been completed.

(7) Interference with Crew Members

- (a) Whoever while aboard an aircraft within the special aircraft jurisdiction of Liberia, interferes with the performance by such crew member of his or her duties or lessens the ability of such member or attendant to perform his or her duties shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable for a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.
- (b) In addition, any person who, in the interference with a crewmember's performance of their duties, assaults, intimidates, or threatens any flight crew member or flight

attendant, including any steward or stewardess of such aircraft, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both. Whoever in the commission of any such act referred to in this subsection uses a deadly or dangerous weapon shall be liable to a term of imprisonment for any term of years or for life.

- (8) General Criminal Penalty. Whoever, while on board an aircraft within the special aircraft jurisdiction of Liberia, commits an act, which, if committed in Liberia would be a violation of the laws of Liberia, shall be punished as provided herein.
- (9) Weapon and Explosive Violations.
 - (a) Whoever, while on board, or while attempting to board, any aircraft in or intended for operation in commercial air transport, has on or about their person or their property a concealed deadly or dangerous weapon, which is, or would be accessible to such person in flight, or any person who has on or about their person, or who has placed, attempted to place, or attempted to have placed aboard such aircraft any bomb or similar explosive or incendiary device, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.
 - (b) Whoever willfully and without regard for the safety of human life, or with reckless disregard for the safety of human life, shall commit an approhibited by subsection 9(a) of this subsection shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.
 - (c) This subsection shall not apply to law ϵ orcement officers of Liberia, who are authorized or required within their official capacities to carry arms, or to persons who may be authorized by the Director to carry deadly or dangerous weapons in commercial air transport, nor shall they apply to persons transporting weapons contained in baggage which is not accessible to passenger in flight if the presence of such weapons has been declared to the air operator.
- (10) interference with Aircraft Operations. Whoever willfully and with reckless disregard for safety of human life interferes or attempts to interfere with the safe operation of any aircraft in, or intended for operation in, the special aircraft ju sdiction of Liberia, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen years, or both.

(11) False Information.

- (a) Whoever imparts or conveys or causes to be imparted or conveyed false information, knowing the information to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made, to do an act which would be a crime prohibited by subsections (5) through (7) of this Section, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both;
- (b) Whoever willfully and maliciously, or with reckless disregard for the safety of human life, imparts or conveys or causes to be imparted or conveyed false information,

knowing the information to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made, to do any act, which would be a crime prohibited by subsections (5) through (7) of this Section, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon Conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Thousand, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

- (12) Removal of Parts of Aircraft Involved in Accidents. Every person who knowingly and without authority removes, conceals, or withholds any part of a civil aircraft involved in an accident, or any property which was aboard such aircraft at the time of the accident, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine of not less than Five Thousand Dollars and not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.
- (13) Dangerous Goods. A person is guilty of an offence if that person willfully, with knowledge of the provisions of this Act, delivers or causes to be delivered to an Air Operator for commercial air transport, or if that person recklessly causes the transportation in commercial air transport, of shipment, cargo, baggage, or other property in violation of the provisions of Annex 18 of the Chicago Convention and the ICAO Technical Instruction for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air shall be subject to a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars or imprisoned for a period not exceeding five years, or both.
- (14) Acts of Unlawful Interference. The Liberia Civil Aviation Authority shall ensure the ratification of conversions and treaties to which Liberia is signatory.

SUBCHAPTER IX - PROCEDURE

§90 CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

- (1) Conducting Proceedings. The Director General shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, conduct proceedings in such manner as will be conducive to the proper dispatch of business and to the ends of justice.
- (2) Conflicts of Interest. No employee of the Authority shall participate in any hearing or proceeding in which he, she or the Director General has an interest.
- (3) Appearance. Any person may appear before the Director Ceneral or the Director General's designee and be heard in person or by an attorney.
- (4) Recording and Public Access. Every official act of the Director General shall be entered on record, and the proceedings thereof shall be open to the public upon request of any interested party, unless the Minister determines that withholding from public disclosure is necessary on grounds of national interest.

§ 902. COMPLAINTS TO AND INVESTIGATIONS BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

- (1) Filing of Complaints. Any person may file with the Director General a complaint in writing with respect to anything done or omitted to be done by any person in contravention of any provision of this Act, or of any requirement established pursuant thereto.
- (2) If the person complained against does not satisfy the complaint and there-appears any

- reasonable ground for investigating the complaint, it shall be the duty of the Director General to investigate the matters set forth in the complaint.
- (3) Whenever the Director General is of the opinion that any complaint does not state facts which warrant an investigation or action, such complaint may be dismissed without hearing.
- (4) Investigations. The Director General is hereby empowered to institute an investigation at any time, on the Director General's initiative, in any case and as to any matter or thing within the Director General's jurisdiction by any provision of this Act, concerning which a complaint is authorized to be made to or before- the Director General, or concerning which any question may arise under any of the provisions of this Act, or relating to the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Act. The Director General shall have the same power to proceed with any investigation instituted on the Director General's own motion as though it had been made by complaint.
- (5) Orders to Compel Compliance. If the Director General finds, after notice and hearing, in any investigation instituted upon complaint or upon the Director General's initiative, with respect to matters within the Director General's jurisdiction, that any person has failed to comply with any provision of this Act or any requirement established pursuant thereto, the Director General shall, consistent with the provisions of this Act, issue an appropriate order to compel such person to comply therewith.

§ 903. EVIDENCE

- (1) General. The Director General may hold hearings, sign and issue subpoenas, administer oaths, examine witness, and receive evidence at any place in Liberia.
- (2) **Subpoenas.** For the purposes of this Act, the Director General shall have the power to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, and documents relating to any matter under investigation.
- (3) Compliance witi. Subpoenas. The attendance of witnesses, and the product on of books, papers, and documents, may be required from any place in Liberia, at any designated place of hearing.
- (4) In case of disol dience to a subpoene, the Director General or any party t a proceeding before the Director General, may invoke the aid of the Attorney General in requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents under the provisions of this Section.

(5) Depositions.

- (a) The Director General may order testimony to be taken by deposition in any proceeding or investigation pending before the Director General, at any stage of such proceeding or investigation.
- (b) Such depositions may be taken before any person designated by the Director General and having power to administer oaths.
- (c) Reasonable notice must first be given in writing by the party or the party's attorney

proposing to take such deposition to the opposite party or the party's attorney of record, which notice shall state the name of the witness and the time and place of the taking of the deposition.

- (d) Any person may be compelled to appear and be deposed, and to produce books, papers, or documents, in the same manner as witnesses may be compelled to appear and testify and produce like documentary evidence before the Director General, as herein before provided.
- (e) Every person being deposed as herein provided shall be cautioned and shall be required to swear or to affirm, if requested, to testify to the whole truth, and shall be carefully examined.
- (f) The testimony shall be reduced to writing by the person taking the deposition, or under deponent's direction, and shall, after it has been reduced to writing, be subscribed by the deponent.
- (g) All depositions shall be promptly filed with the Director General.
- (h) If a witness whose testimony may be desired to be taken by deposition is in a foreign country, the deposition may be taken, provided the laws of the foreign country so permit, by a person commissioned by the Director General or agreed upon by the parties by Stipulation in a writing to be filed with the Director General, or may be taken under letters issued by a court of competent jurisdiction at the request of the Director General.

§ 904. DESIGNATION OF AGEN OR SERVICE

(1) Designating Agents. It should be the duty of every air operator in Liberia and each foreign air operator with operations in Liberia to designate in writing an agent in Liberia upon vinich service of all notices and process and all orders, decisions, and requirements of the Director General may be made for and on behalf of the air operator or foreign air operator, and to file such designation with the irector General. Such designation may be changed by subsequent filing.

(2) Service upon Agents.

- (a) Service of all notices and process and of orders, decisions, and requirements or the Director General may be made upon any air operator or foreign air operator by service upon its designated agent at their office in Liberia or place of residence in Liberia with the same effect as personal service upon such air operator or foreign air operator.
- (b) If a designated agent is in default or is absent, service of any notice or other process in any proceedings before the Director General, or of any order, decision, or requirement of the Director General, may be made by posting such notice, process, order, requirement, or decision in the Office of the Director General.
- (3) Service Generally. Service of notices, processes, orders, rules, and regulations upon any person may be made by personal service or upon an agent designated in writing for this purpose, or by registered or certified mail addressed to such person or agent. Whenever service is made by registered or certified mail, the date of mailing shall be considered as the

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date when service is made.

§ 905. VENUE

The trial of any offence under this Act shall be in the courts of Liberia.

§ 906. JUDÍCIAL REVIEW OF ORDERS

- (1) Availability of Judicial Review. Any order issued by the Director General shall be subject to review by the [Judicial Authority] upon petition filed within 30 days after the entry of such order, by any person disclosing a substantial interest in such order.
- (2) A petition may be filed beyond 30 days after the entry of an order of the Director General only with the permission of the [Judicial Authority] upon a showing of reasonable grounds for failure to file the petition within time.
- (3) Judicial Procedures. A copy of the petition shall, upon filing, be forthwith transmitted to the Director General by the Clerk of [Judicial Authority] and the Director General shall thereupon file with the [Judicial Authority] the record, if any, upon which the order complained of was entered.
- (4) **Authority.** Upon transmittal of the petition to the Director General, the [Judicial Authority] shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, or set aside the order complained of, in whole or in part, and if need be, to order further proceedings by the Director General.
- (5) Upon good cause shown and after reasona e notice to the Director General, interlocutory relief may be granted by stay of the order c u stay of such mandatory or other relief as may be appropriate by the [Judicial Authority].
- (6) Scope of Review. The findings of facts by t' e Director General, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive.
- (7) No objection to an order of the Director Gene al shall be considered by the [Judicial Authority] unless such objection shall have been urged before the Director General or if it was not so urged, unless there were reasonable grounds for failure to do so.

§ 907. JUD'CIAL ENFORCEMENT

- (1) Jurisciction of [Judicial Authority]. The [Judicial Authority] shall have jurisdiction to enforce obedience to any provision of this Act, or any rule, regulation, requirement, or order issued there under; or any term, condition, or limitation of any certificate issued under this Act.
- (2) Civil Actions to Enforce This Part.
 - (a) Where any person violates any provision of this Act, or any rule, regulation, requirement, or order issued there under, or any term, condition, or limitation of any certificate issued under this Act, the Director General may apply to the Attorney General for the enforcement of such provision of this Act, or of such rule, regulation, requirement, order, term, condition, or limitation.
 - (b) Upon the request of the Director General, the Attorney General of Liberia may institute

- (b) There shall be attached to the statement of the privileges granted by the license, or any amendment thereto, such reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations as the public interest may require.
- (c) A license issued under this section to engage in international commercial air transport on a scheduled or charter basis shall designate the terminal and intermediate points only insofar as the Director General shall deem practicable, and otherwise shall designate only the general route or routes to be followed.

(4) Authority to Modify, Suspend, or Revoke.

- (a) The Authority may alter, amend, modify, or suspend any such license, in whole or in part, for failure to comply with any provision of this title or any order, rule, or regulation issued hereunder or any term, condition, or limitation of such license.
- (b) Any interested person may file with the Director General a protest or memorandum in support of or in opposition to the alteration, amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of a license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (5) Transfer of License. 1 license may be transferred unless such transfer is approved by the Director General as being consistent with the public interest.
- (6) Liability It trance. The Authority may issue a license to the applicant for such license only if the application to complies with regulations and orders of the Director General governing the filing of an insuance policy or self-insurance plan approved by the Director General. The policy or plan must be sufficient to pay, not more than the amount of the insurance, for bodily injury to, or death of an individual or for loss of, or damage to, property of other resulting from the operation or maintenance of the aircraft under the certificate. A license does not remain in effect unless the air operator complies with this subsection.
- (7) Continuing Requirement. The requirement that each applicant for a license or any other authority under this title must be found to be fit, willing, and able to perform properly the transportation covered by its application and to conform to the provisions of this Act and the rules, reg ations, and requirements of the Director General under his Act, shall be a continuing requirement applicable to each such air operator with respect to the transportation authorized by the Director General. The Director General may by order modify, suspend, or revoke such certificate or other authority, in whole or in part, for failure of such air operator to comply with the continuing requirement that their operator be so fit, willing, and able.

§ 1002. PERMITS TO FOREIGN AIR OPERATORS

- (1) **Permit Required.** No foreign air operator shall engage in commercial air transport into Liberia unless there is in force a permit issued by the Director General empowered to authorize a foreign carrier to engage in such transportation.
- (2) Issuance of Permit. The Director General is empowered to issue such a permit if the Director General finds:

- (a) That the applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform international commercial air transport and to conform to the provisions of this Act and the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Director General made pursuant to the Act; and
- (b) Either that the applicant is qualified, and has been designated by its Government, to 'perform international commercial air transport under the terms of an agreement with Liberia, or that such transportation will be in the public interest
- (3) Application for Permit. Application for a permit shall be made in writing to the Director General and shall be in such form and contain such information as the Director General shall require.
- (4) Authority to Modify, Suspend, or Revoke.
 - (a) The Director General may alter, amend, modify, or suspend any such permit, in whole or in part, for failure to comply with any provision of this title or any order, rule, or regulation issued hereunder or any term, condition, or limitation of such permit.
 - (b) Any interested person may file with the Director General a protest or memorandum in support of or in opposition to the alteration, amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of a permit purmant to subsection (4)(a) of this Section.
- (5) Liability Insurance. The Director General may issue a permit to the applicant for such permit only if the applicant omplies with regulations and orders of the Director General overning the filing of an insure ce policy or self-insurance plan approved by the Director General overning complicy or plan must be sufficient to pay not more than the amount of the insurance or bodily injury to, or death or, an individual or for loss of, or damage to, property of others, resulting from the operation of maintenance of the aircraft under the Certificate. A permit does not remain in effect unless the foreign air operator complies with this subsection.

§1003. ECONOMIC REGULION

In the area of economic regulation, the Director General is authorized:

- (1) To regulate the accompact strong strong
- (2) To regulate the sector economic activity;
- (3) To ensure the existence of conditions that satisfies the demand of services in the sector, in an effective way;
- (4) To protect the economic and financial stability of the providers of regulated services;
- (5) To guarantee to the concessionaires of operating licenses or other contracts the existence of conditions which allow them to accomplish the obligations resulting from concessions or contracts;
- (6) To ensure objectivity of the regulations norms and transparency of commercial relations

among the operators of the sector and among these and the consumers;

- (7) To avoid anti-competition or discriminatory behaviors of air transportation services operators, air service, and of the providers of services of air navigation, airport and handling;
- (8) To keep watch over application and inspection of implementation of the applicable laws, regulations and technical requirements within the scope of its specific functions, as well as the operator's compliance with the provisions of their respective operating licenses or contracts;
- (9) To coordinate with the competent entity the application of competition law in the respective sector;
- (10) To protect the interest of consumers and the need to have a regular, efficient and economic air transport.

§1004. TECHNICAL REGULATION

In the exercise of technical regulation, the Director General has the power, in accordance with the law and the respective statue, specifically: To cooperate with civil aviation specialized international organizations, in particular, participating in the preparation of rules of the civil aviation sector and keeping watch over their application in the country.

SUBCHAPTER XI - MATTERS RELATING TO AIRCRAFT

§1101. RECORDS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

- (1) The Authority may be regulations.reques such persons as may be specified in the regulations to keep records and make returns to the Authority of:
 - (a) any birth and death occurring in any part of the world in any aircraft registered in Liberia; and
 - (b) death, outside Liberia, of any person who, being a traveler on an aircraft registered in Liberia is killed on the journey in consequence of an accident.
- (2) The Authority shall keep a record of a: returns made to it in accordance with subsection (1) above.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand United States Dollars.
- (4) The proceeding for an offence under this se ion shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney General.

§1102. EXEMPTION FROM SEIZURE OF CERTAIN AIRCRAFT OF PATENT CLAIM

- (1) A lawful entry into Liberia or a lawful transit across Liberia, with or without landings, of an aircraft shall not entail:
 - (a) a seizure or detention of the aircraft;

- (b) any proceeding being brought against the owner or operator of the aircraft; or
- (c) any other interference with the aircraft by or on behalf of a person in Liberia, on the ground that the construction, mechanism, parts, accessories or operation of the aircraft is or are an infringement of a patent design or model.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1)(c), the importation into and storage in Liberia of spare parts and spare equipment for an aircraft and their use and installation in the repair of an aircraft shall not entail:
 - (a) any seizure or detention of the aircraft or of the spare parts or spare equipment;
 - (b) any proceedings being brought against the owner or operator of the aircraft or the owner of the spare parts or spare equipment; or
 - (c) any other interference with the aircraft by or on behalf of any person in Liberia, on the ground that the spare parts or spare equipment or their use or installation are an infringement of any patent, design or model.
- (3) Section (2) shall not apply in relation to spare parts or spare equipment which are sold or distributed in Liberia or are exported from Liberia for sale or distribution.

§110... PATENT CLAIMS NOT PROTECTED UNDER CHICAGO CONVENTION

- Where it is alleged by an interested person that which section 1102 applies, which is making a probabilities and itself or in any part of it any invention, design model which is entitled to protection in Liberia, it is lawful, subject to an in accordance with Rules of Court, to detain the aircraft until its owner deposits or secures in respect of the elleged infringement a sum (in this section referred to as "the deposited sum").
- (2) An aircraft in respect of which the deposited sem has been made shall not, during the continuance or in the course of the passage, be subject to any lien, arrest, detention or prohibition whether by order of a Court or otherwise, in respect of or on account of the alleged infringement.
- (3) The depos ted sum shall be such sum as may be agreed between the interested parties or in default of agreement, fixed by the Authority or some person duly authorized on its behalf and shall be made or secured to the Authority in such manner, as it shall approve.
- (4) The deposited sum shall be dealt with by such tribunal and in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by Rules of Court made by the Chief Justice, and Rules may provide generally for carrying this section into effect.
- (5) For the purpose of this section:
 - (a) "owner" includes the actual owner of the aircraft; and
 - (b) "passage" includes reasonable landing and stoppage in the course, or for the purposes, of the passage.

SUBCHAPTER XII- MISCELLANEOUS

§1201. PUBLICATION OF REPORTS, ORDERS, ETC.

- (1) The Director General shall ensure the publication of all reports, orders, decisions, rules, and regulations issued under this Act in such form and manner as may be best adapted for public information and use.
- (2) In the conduct of any public hearings or investigations authorized by this Act, The Director General or a designee has the power to take evidence, issue subpoenas, and take depositions. In accordance with the procedures specified in Section 901.
- (3) If the charges are not paid within sixty days of the date when the detention begins, the Authority may sell the aircraft in order to satisfy the charges.
- (4) The Authority shall not detain or continue to detain an aircraft under this section by reason of an alleged default in the payment of airport charges.

§1202. EXTRA-TERRITORIAL EFFECT

- (1) No provision contined in an order or regulation made under this Act shall, on the ground that it would have extra-territorial operation, be deemed to be invalid in so far as it applies to an aircraft registered in Liberia, wherever it may be or to the personnel of the aircraft wherever they remay be.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this Section, the personnel an aircraft include the commander or any other person in charge of the aircraft and all other members of the crew of the aircraft.

§1203. EXENTION

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the personnel of an aircraft include the commander or any other person in charge of the aircraft and all other members of the crew of the aircraft.
- (2) The finister may by order apply to an aircraft belonging to coin the service of the Government of Liberia or in connection with that aircraft, any order or regulations made under this Act.

§1204. OFFENCES AND JURISDICTION

- (1) An act or omission committed on board an aircraft registered in Liberia while in flight elsewhere, other than in or over Liberia which, if committed in Liberia, would constitute an offence under a law in force in Liberia shall constitute that offence, but this subsection shall not apply to any act or omission which is expressly or impliedly authorized by or under that law when committed outside Liberia.
- (2) For the purposes of conferring jurisdiction, an offence under the law in force in Liberia committed on board an aircraft in flight shall be deemed to have been committed in a place in Liberia where the offender is for the time being.

- (3) The jurisdiction of Liberia shall extend to any offence under section 805 and 806 if the act constituting the offence took place on board:
 - (a) a civil aircraft registered in Liberia;
 - (b) 'a civil aircraft leased with or without crew to an operator whose principal place of business is in Liberia or, if the operator does not have a principal place of business, whose permanent residence is in Liberia:
 - (c) a civil aircraft on or over the territory of Liberia; or
 - (d) any other civil aircraft in flight outside Liberia, if:
 - (i) the next landing of the aircraft is in Liberia, and
 - (ii) the aircraft commander has delivered the suspected offender to the competent authorities of Liberia, with the request that the authorities prosecute the suspected and with affirmation that no similar request has been or will be made by the commander or the operator to any other State.
- (4) In this section, "in flight" means the period from the moment when power is applied for the purpose of take-off until the moment when the landing run ends.

§1205. OFFENSES BY BODIES CORPORATE

- (1) Where an office we under this Act has been committed by a body corporate, cory person who at the time of the commission offence was a director, chief executive, Soft etary or other officer holding office in a similar capacity, shall be deemed to have committed that offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his consent or considerance and that he exercised all such diligence to prevent the commission of the offence as he ought to have exercised, having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances.
- (2) In section (1) "director" includes any person occupying the position of director by whatever name called.

§1206. PROVISIONS AS TO BAIL

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Criminal Procedure code, no person accused of an offence punishable under this Act shall, if in custody, be released on bail or on his or her own bond unless:
 - (a) the prosecution has been given an opportunity to oppose the application for the release; and
 - (b) where the prosecution opposes the application, the Court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the person is not guilty of the offence and that he or she is not likely to commit any offence while on bail.
- (2) The limitations on granting of bail specified in subsection (1) addition to the limitations under

the Criminal Procedure Code or any other law for the time being in force on granting of bail.

(3) Nothing contained in this section is deemed to affect the special powers of the Supreme Court regarding bail under the Criminal Procedure Code.

§1207. PROVISIONS AS TO EXTRADITION

For the purposes of the application of the Extradition Act to crimes committed on board an aircraft in flight, an aircraft registered in a country which is a signatory to the Chicago Convention shall at any time while that aircraft is in flight be deemed to be within the jurisdiction of that country, whether or not it is for the time being also within the jurisdiction of any other country.

§1208. PROVISIONS AS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES

For the purposes of ensuring the safeguarding of life and property, all services which facilitate and maintain the smooth, orderly and safe take off, landing and ground handling of aircraft and the disembarkation and evacuation of passengers and cargo respectively in all airports in Liberia are hereby designated as essential services.

§1209. APPLICATION OF LAW OF WRECK AND SALVAGE TO AIRCRAFT

- (1) A service rendered in assisting, or in saving life form or in saving the cargo or apparel of an aircraft on or over the sea or any tidal water, an or over the shores of the sea or any tidal water, shall be deemed to be salvage service in all cases in which it would have been salvage service if it had been rendered in relation to a vessel.
- (2) Where salvage service for property or persons is rendered by a person flying an aircraft, the owner of the aircraft shall be entited to the same reward for that service as he or she would have been entitled to if the aircraft had been a vessel.
- (3) The provisions of sections (1) and (2) shall have effect notwithstanding that:
 - (a) the aircraft concerned is a foreign aircraft; or
 - (b) the service in question is rendered elsewhere than within the limits of the territorial waters adjacent Liberia.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order direct that the provisions of any enactment in force which relate to wreckage, salvage of life or property or to the duty of rendering assistance to vessels in distress shall with such exceptions, adaptations and modifications, if any, as may be specified in the order, apply in relation to an aircraft.

§ 1210. APPLICATION TO SEAPLANES OF REGULATIONS AS TO VESSELS

- (1) The power of the Director General under this Act to make regulations for the investigation of accidents arising out of or in the course of air navigation shall be deemed to extend to the making of regulations for the prevention of collision at sea between -
 - (a) seaplanes on the surface of the water:
 - (b) vessels and seaplanes on the surface of the water and

- (c) seaplanes and any other object on the surface of the water.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1):
 - (a) "seaplane" includes a flying boats and any other aircraft designated to maneuver on the water;
 - (b) "vessel" includes every description of watercraft other that a seaplane used or capable of being used as a means of transport on water;
 - (c) seaplanes taking off from or alighting on the water shall be deemed to be on the surface of the water while in contact with the water.

§1211. APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF CERTAIN RULES RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY AIR SIGNED AT MONTREAL ON 28TH MAY, 1999

- (1) The Authority may, by notification in the Gazette, apply the rules contained in the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air signed at Montreal on 28th May, 1999, as amended, from time to time, to international carriage by air to and from Liberia.
- (2) The rules applied under subsection (1) shall, from the date of notification, have the force of law in Liberia in relation to any carriage, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, govern the rights and liabilities of carriers, passengers, consignors, consignees and other persons.
- (4) An action to enforce a liability under subsection (3) may be brought by the personal representative of the passenger or by any erson for whose benefit the liability is enforceable under that subsection, provided that:
 - (a) only one action is brought in Liberia ... respect of the death of any one passenger, and
 - (b) the action by whomsoever brought is for the benefit of all persons entitled to bring an action who are domiciled in Liberia or who, not being domiciled in Liberia, express a desire to take the benefit of the action.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of subsection (6), the amount recovered in any action, after deduction of any costs not recovered from the defendant, shall be divided between the persons entitled in such proportion as the Court may direct.
- (6) The Court before whom an action is brought may, at any stage of the proceedings, make such order as appears to the Court to be just and equitable, in view of the provisions of the notification issued pursuant to subsection (1), limiting the liability of a carrier and of any proceedings which have or are likely to be commenced outside Liberia in respect of the death of the passenger in question.
- (7) In subsection (3), the expression "member of a family" means wife, husband, parent, stepparent, child, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, child of his or her mother and reputed father or, as the case may be and grandparent.

§1212. CONVERSION OF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS

Any sum in the Special Drawing Rights mentioned in the Convention for Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air signed at Montreal on 28th May, 1999, shall be in accordance with the method given in the notification issued pursuant to section 1211 (1).

§1213. RULE'S FOR CARRIAGE BY AIR WHICH IS NOT INTERNATIONAL

The Authority may, by notification in the Gazette, apply the rules contained in the convention for Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air signed at Montreal on 28th May, 1999, to such carriage by air as is not international carriage by air as defined in the Convention, subject to such exceptions, adaptations and modifications, if any, as may be specified by the Authority in the notification.

§1214. ADVANCE PAYMENTS

- (1) In the notifications issued under sections 1211 (1) and 1213, the Authority may provide for advance payment without delay to a natural person or persons who are entitled to claim compensation in order to meet their immediate economic needs.
- (2) An advance payment provided under subsection (1) does not constitute recognition of liability and will be offset against the final compensation that may be paid by the carrier to the claimant or 'laimants, as the case may be, on its own or under a Court orde

§1215. INSURANCE

- (1) carrier operating air transport services to, from or within eria shall maintain adequate surance to cover its liability:
 - under the rules contained in the notifications issued under sections 1211 (1) and 1213; and
 - (1) towards compensation for damages that may be sustained by third parties.
- (2) The absence of an insurance cover is sufficient reason for denial or revocation of the permission to operate the air transport service or services in question.
- (3) An operator who operates an air transport service without adequate insurance coverage commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than One Thousand United States Dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both the fine and imprisonment.

§1216. COMPENSATION SCHEMES FOR PASSENGERS TO GRIEVANCES LIKE DENIED BOARDING ETC.

- (1) The Authority may formulate schemes for payment of suitable compensation by carriers to passengers who are denied boarding, in specified circumstances, on flights from Liberia to any point outside Liberia, or on flights within Liberia-
 - (a) for which the passengers have confirmed reservations; or
 - (b) for any other reason which in the opinion of the Authority has assumed significant level

of public dissatisfaction.

§1217. INCONSISTENCY

Where a provision of this Act is inconsistent with a provision of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2002, the provision of the Anti-Terrorism Act shall prevail, and the provision of this Act shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.

§1218. REGULATIONS

- (1) In addition to the powers conferred on the Director General under this Act, he or she may make regulations, orders or rules for the better functioning of the Authority and carrying into effect the purpose of the Act.
- (2) Any regulations made under this Act may -
 - (a) make provisions empowering such persons as may be specified in the regulations to make orders, notices, proclamations, rules or give instructions for any of the purposes for which the regulations are authorized by this Act to be made; and
 - (b) contain such incidental and supplemental provisions as appear to the Director General to be necessary or expedient.
- (3) The Authority may make such regulations, orders, rules, as it considers necessary or expedient to give effect to and for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act, to provide generally for regulating air navigation and air transport and for corying out and giving effect to the Chicago Convention and the Annexes and any amendments of the convention or Annexes.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Authority may make regulations for different classes of aircraft, aerodromes, persons, property and the licensing and control of air travel agencies, air cargo shipping and forwarding agencies, air tour oper tors, air ticket sales agencies a. I ground handling agencies.

§1219. REPEAL AND SAVINGS

- (1) The Liberi Communication and Transportation Law, 1972, Part One and the Act creating the Ministry of Transport 1987 Civil Aviation are hereby repealed.
- (2) The Bureau of Civil Aviation established under the repealed Act is hereby consequentially dissolved.
- (3) As from the commencement of this act, all the rights assets, liabilities and obligations of the dissolved Bureau existing immediately before the commencement of this act shall be transferred to the Authority established under this Act.
- (4) Any action proceeding in any court, or any judgment, decision or order which was enforceable by or against the dissolved Bureau immediately before the commencement of this act may be continued and enforced by or against the Authority established under this Act.
- (5) A person who was in the employment of the dissolved Bureau immediately before the

commencement of the Act shall be transferred to and be deemed to be appointed by the Authority established under this act until he or she vacates the office or the appointment is terminated. The positions to be appointed will be determined by the Authority.

- (6) All Regulations, Orders, By-laws and Notices made or issued under the repealed Act, in so far as they are not inconsistent with this Act, shall remain in force until they lapse or are revoked.
- (7) A certificate, license, permit and any other approval issued or given under the repealed act, shall be deemed to be issued under this Act for the duration of the validity, provided that no certificate, license, permit or approval shall be valid under this section for more than twelve months after the commencement of this Act unless it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOT WITHSTANDING

ATTESTATION TO:

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

HOUSE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO. 34 ENTITLED:

"AN ACT AMENDING AND RESTATING "AN ACT TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION AND PROMOTION OF CIVIL AVIATION IN LIBERIA, TO FOSTER ITS SAFE AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES INCIDENTAL THERETO" AND TO CREATE THE LIBERIA CIVIL AVIATION ACT OF 2019"

On Motion, the Bill was read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to committee Room on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 @ 15:30 G.M.T.

On Motion, the Bill was taken from Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Friday, September 6, 2019 @ 13:59 G.M.T.

Will CHIEF CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R. L.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

SENATE'S ENDORSEMENT TO HOUSE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO. 34 ENTITLED:

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On Motion, the Bill read was read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to committee Room on Monday, September 9, 2019 @ 13:00 G.M.T.

On Motion, the Bill was taken from Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Friday, September 20, 2019 @ 13:35 G.M.T.

SECRETARY, THE LIBIRIAN SENATE, R.L.





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SCHEDULE OF HOUSE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 15 ENTITLED:

"AN ACT AMENDING AND RESTATING "AN ACT TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION AND PROMOTION OF CIVIL AVIATION IN LIBERIA, TO FOSTER ITS SAFE AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES INCIDENTAL THERETO" AND TO CREATE THE LIBERIA CIVIL AVIATION ACT OF 2019"

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA