

From the United States Secretary of State, to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires,
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The Department refers to the negotiations which have been conducted between this Department and your Legation for the conclusion of a reciprocal arrangement between the United States and Canada for the admission of civil aircraft, the issuance of pilots' licences, and the acceptance of certificates of airworthiness for aircraft imported as merchandise.

It is my understanding that it has been agreed in the course of these negotiations that this arrangement shall be as follows:

(1) All state aircraft other than military, naval, customs and police aircraft, shall be treated as civil aircraft and as such shall be subject to the requirements hereinafter provided for civil aircraft.

(2) Subject to the conditions and limitations hereinafter contained and set forth, Canadian civil aircraft shall be permitted to operate in the United States and, in like manner, civil aircraft of the United States shall be permitted to operate in the Dominion of Canada.

(3) Canadian aircraft, before entering the United States, must be registered and passed as airworthy by the Canadian Department of National Defence and must bear the registration markings allotted to it by that Department. Aircraft of the United States, before entering Canada, must be registered and passed as airworthy by the United States Department of Commerce, and must bear the registration markings allotted to it by that Department, preceded by the letter "N," placed on it in accordance with the Air Commerce Regulations of the Department of Commerce.

(4) Canadian aircraft making flights into the United States must carry aircraft, engine and journey logbooks, and the certificates of registration and airworthiness, issued by the Canadian Department of National Defence. The pilots shall bear licences issued by said Department of National Defence. Like requirements shall be applicable in Canada with respect to aircraft of the United States and American pilots making flights into Canada. The certificates and licences in the latter case shall be those issued by the United States Department of Commerce; provided, however, that pilots who are nationals of the one country shall be licensed by the other country under the following conditions:—

(a) The Department of National Defence of the Dominion of Canada will issue pilots' licences to American nationals upon a showing that they are qualified under the regulations of that Department covering the licensing of pilots; and the United States Department of Commerce will issue pilots' licences to Canadian nationals upon a showing that they are qualified under the regulations of that Department covering the licensing of pilots.

(b) Pilots' licences issued by the United States Department of Commerce to Canadian nationals shall entitle them to the same privileges as are granted by pilots' licences issued to American nationals, and pilots' licences issued by the Department of National Defence of the Dominion of Canada to American nationals shall entitle them to the same privileges as are granted by pilots' licences issued to Canadian nationals.