

I assent.

C. C. WOOLLEY,

Governor,

29th September, 1950.

ORDINANCE No. 38 of 1950.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the recording of Births and Deaths and of persons missing in Aircraft registered in the Colony; and for other purposes connected therewith.

[7th October, 1950.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of British Guiana, with A.D. 1950.
the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Civil Aviation (Births, Deaths and Missing Persons) Ordinance, 1950. **Short title.**

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “aircraft” includes all balloons, whether captive or free, gliders, airships and flying machines;
- “journey” is deemed to commence when a traveller enters an aircraft registered in the Colony for the purpose of the journey and to continue until that traveller alights therefrom on completion of the journey, notwithstanding any intermediate stop or break in the journey;
- “the Controller” means the Controller of Civil Aviation;
- “missing persons” means persons with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for believing that they have died in consequence of an accident to an aircraft registered in the Colony;
- “person in command of an aircraft” means, in a case where a person other than the pilot is in command of the aircraft, that person, and in every other case, the pilot;
- “the Registrar General” means the Registrar General of births and deaths;
- “traveller” in relation to an aircraft includes a member of the crew.

Returns
relating to
births and
deaths by
owners of
aircraft.

First
Schedule
Second
Schedule

3. (1) The owner of an aircraft registered in the Colony shall, as soon as possible but not later than six months after the occurrence in any part of the world of a birth or death in the aircraft, or of a death outside the Colony of a traveller on the aircraft who is killed on the journey in consequence of an accident, transmit to the Controller a return of such birth or death in the form, in accordance with the instructions, and containing the particulars prescribed in the First Schedule to this Ordinance in the case of a birth, or in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance in the case of a death:

Provided that if such particulars are not known to the owner of the aircraft, he shall transmit as aforesaid so many of such particulars as he is reasonably able to ascertain having regard to the circumstances of the birth or death.

(2) To facilitate the rendering of returns in accordance with this section the person in command of an aircraft registered in the Colony shall forthwith on the occurrence in any part of the world of a birth or death in the aircraft, or of the death outside the Colony of a traveller in the aircraft who is killed on the journey in consequence of an accident, record in the journey log book, or other appropriate document relating to that aircraft, the particulars of the birth or death mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section and shall make such record available to the owner as soon as practicable:

Provided that if all such particulars are not known to the person in command of an aircraft and cannot readily be ascertained by him he shall record and make available as aforesaid so many of such particulars as are readily ascertainable.

(3) Where any aircraft has been *bona fide* demised, let,

or hired out for a period exceeding fourteen days to any other person by the owner thereof, and no pilot, commander, navigator, or operative member of the crew of the aircraft is in the employment of the owner, the provisions of this section shall have effect as though for references to the owner there were substituted references to the person to whom the aircraft has been so demised, let, or hired out.

(4) Any person who fails to comply with any requirement of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

4. The Controllor shall keep in his Department —

(1) a separate record of births in the form in the Third Schedule to this Ordinance in which shall be recorded the particulars transmitted to him of births occurring in ~~any part of the world~~ in aircraft registered in the

Records to be kept by the Controllor of Civil Aviation.

(2) a separate record of deaths in the form in the Fourth Schedule to this Ordinance in which shall be recorded the particulars transmitted to him of deaths occurring in any part of the world in aircraft registered as aforesaid, and of deaths outside the Colony of travellers on such aircraft killed on the journey in consequence of an accident; and

Third Schedule Fourth Schedule

(3) a separate record in the form in the Fifth Schedule to this Ordinance of persons reported to him as missing persons.

Fifth Schedule

5. The Controllor shall within seven days of the completion of an entry of any record kept in his Department pursuant to this Ordinance cause a certified copy of such entry to be transmitted to the Registrar General.

Transmission of copies of notices to Registrar General.

6. In the case of the birth of an illegitimate child, the name of any person as father of such child shall not be entered in any return or record of particulars of the birth of such child unless the mother of the child and the person acknowledging himself to be the father of the child shall have signed a completed form of return as informants.

Saving for father of illegitimate child.

7. (1) If the Controllor is satisfied that there is an error or omission in any entry made in the records of births, deaths, or missing persons kept in his Department, he may, in accordance with evidence of the true facts relating to the entry, rectify it in such manner as may appear to him appropriate.

Rectification of notices of births, deaths and missing persons.

(2) Within seven days after the correction of any entry in his records in accordance with this section the Controllor shall cause a certified copy of such corrected entry to be transmitted to the Registrar General.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 3.

FORM No.

Birth.

Return for the purposes of Section 3 of this Ordinance.

1. Registration marking of aircraft
2. Date of Birth (a)
3. Place of Birth (b)
4. Name (c)
5. Sex (d)
6. Name, surname, usual residence and nationality of father (e)
7. Name, surname, maiden surname, usual residence and nationality of mother (f)
8. Date and place of marriage of parents.
9. Profession or occupation of father; and rank or title (if any) (e)
10. Name, description and home address of informant (if any) (g)
11. Signature of informant (s)
- Signature and rank of person completing the return
- Date (a)

Notes:

- (a) Day and month in words, years in figures.
- (b) Approximate position, e.g. "40 miles south of Mackenzie", "over Annai".
- (c) Full Christian names of child.
- (d) "Male" or "female" as the case may be.
- (e) Christian names in full and followed by surname; surname to be written in block letters. If child is illegitimate the particulars relating to the father must not be recorded in the return unless at the joint request of the mother and of the person acknowledging himself to be the father of the child, in which case such person shall, as well as the mother, sign a completed form of return as informant.
- (f) Christian names in full and married surname followed by the word "formerly" and the maiden surname.
- (g) The informant's full names, relationship (if any) to the child, and full postal address should be stated.

Except in the circumstances mentioned at (e) above only one person (usually the mother or father) should act as informant.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 3.

FORM No.

Death

Return for the purposes of Section 3 of this Ordinance.

1. Registration marking of Aircraft
2. Date of Death (a)
3. Place of Death (b)
4. Name and surname (c)
5. Usual residence at time of death (d)
6. Sex (e)
7. Age (f)
8. Profession or occupation, rank or title (if any) and nationality (g)
9. Cause of death
10. Name, description and home address of informant (if any) (h)
11. Signature of informant
Signature and rank of person completing the return
- Date (a)

Notes:

- (a) Day and month in words, year in figures.
- (b) Actual position, if known. Otherwise approximate position, e.g. "40 miles west of Mackenzie", "over Annai".
- (c) Christian names in full, followed by surname. Surname to be written in block letters.
- (d) The full postal address should be stated.
- (e) "Male" or "Female".
- (f) To be recorded in complete years, or in months or days.
- (g) Women and children.

In the case of a married woman or a widow, the words "wife of" or "Widow of" shall be entered, followed by the name, profession or occupation, rank and title, and nationality of the husband.

In the case of an unmarried woman, there shall be inserted (I) the word "spinster", followed by her profession or occupation (if any), rank or title (if any) and her nationality, and (II) the words "daughter of" followed by the name, profession, etc., of her father.

In the case of children under the age of 16 years, the words "son of" or "daughter of" shall be followed by the name, profession, etc., of the father.

(h) The informant's full names, relationship (if any) to deceased, and full postal address should be stated.

