AIR NAVIGATION.

**No. 6 of 1947.**

An Act to approve the Ratification on behalf of Australia of the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on the seventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 2nd April, 1947.]

[Date of commencement, 30th April, 1947.]

**Preamble.**

WHEREAS a Convention on International Civil Aviation was concluded at Chicago on the seventh day of December One thousand nine hundred and forty-four:

And Whereas Australia is a party to the said Convention:

And Whereas it is desirable that the ratification on behalf of Australia of the said Convention be approved by the Parliament and necessary provision made for carrying out and giving effect to the said Convention:

Be it therefore enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.**—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Air Navigation Act* 1947.

(2.) The *Air Navigation Act* 1920–1936 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Air Navigation Act* 1920–1947.

**Definitions**

**2.** Section three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definitions of “Territories” and “the Convention” and inserting in their stead the following definitions:—

“‘Territory’ includes a Territory administered as a trust territory by Australia in pursuance of Chapter XII. of the Charter of the United Nations;

“‘the Chicago Convention’ means the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on the seventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty four;”.

**3.** After section three of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

**Approval of ratification of Chicago Convention.**

“3a. The ratification on behalf of Australia of the Chicago Convention is approved”.

**Power to give effect to Paris Convention**

**4.** Section four of the Principal Act is amended—

(*a*)by omitting the word “Convention” (first occurring) and inserting in its stead the words “Paris Convention (being the Convention for the Regulation of Aerial Navigation signed in Paris on the thirteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen)”; and

(*b*)by inserting before the word “Convention” (second occurring) the word “Paris”.

**5.** After section four of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

**Power to give effect to Chicago Convention**

“5.The Governor-General may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out and giving effect to the Chicago Convention and the provisions of any amendment of the Chicago Convention made under Article ninety-four thereof and for the purpose of providing for the control of air navigation—

(*a*)in relation to trade and commerce with other countries and among the States;

(*b*) in relation to the Naval and Military defence of the Commonwealth and of the several States;

(*c*) in relation to postal and other like services;

(*d*) within any Territory of the Commonwealth;

(*e*) within any State the Parliament of which has referred to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the matter of the control of air navigation within that State; and

(*f*) for carrying out and giving effect to any other international convention or agreement relating to air navigation to which Australia is or becomes a party”.

**Repeal**

**6.** Section four of the Principal Act as amended by this Act shall cease to have effect as at midnight on the ninth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and shall be deemed to be repealed as at that time.