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**CIVIL AVIATION (BIRTH, DEATH AND MISSING  
PERSON) ACT**

**CHAPTER 44:02**

**Act**

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**This Chapter contains no subsidiary**

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**An Act to make provision for the recording of Births and  
Deaths and of persons missing in Aircraft registered in  
Guyana; and for other purposes connected therewith.**

[7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1950]

Short title.

**1. This Act may be cited as the Civil Aviation (Births,  
Deaths and Missing Persons) Act.**

Interpretation.  
[17 of 1951]

**2. In this Act—**

**“aircraft” includes all balloons, whether captive or free,  
gliders, airships and flying machines;**

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“the Director” means the Director of Civil Aviation;

“journey” is deemed to commence when a traveller enters an aircraft registered in Guyana 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;

“missing persons” means persons with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for believing that they have died in consequence of an accident occurring in or over Guyana to an aircraft registered in Guyana;

“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. [17 of 1951 6 of 1997] First Schedule. Second Schedule.

3. (1) The owner of an aircraft registered in Guyana shall, as soon as practicable but not later than six months after the occurrence in or over Guyana of a birth or death in the aircraft, transmit to the Director a return of such birth or death in the form, in accordance with the instructions and containing the particulars prescribed, in the First Schedule in the case of a birth, or in the Second Schedule 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 Act, the person in command of an aircraft registered in Guyana shall forthwith on the occurrence in or over Guyana of a birth or death in the aircraft, record in the journey log book, or other appropriate document relating to that aircraft, the particulars of the birth or death mentioned in subsection (1), 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, 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 of thirteen thousand dollars.

Records to be kept by Director of Civil Aviation. [17 of 1951] Third Schedule.

4. The Director shall keep in his department—

- (a) a separate record of births in the form in the Third Schedule in which shall be recorded the particulars transmitted to him of births occurring in or over Guyana in aircraft registered in Guyana;
- (b) a separate record of deaths in the form in the Fourth Schedule in which

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shall be recorded the particulars transmitted to him of deaths occurring in or over Guyana in aircraft registered in Guyana; and

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- (c) a separate record in the form in the Fifth Schedule of persons reported to him as missing persons.

Transmission of copies of notices to Registrar General.

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

Saving for father of illegitimate child.

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.

Rectification of notices of births, deaths and missing persons

7. (1) If the Director 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.

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

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FIRST SCHEDULE  
FORM No.

*Birth*

Return for the purposes of section 3 of the Civil Aviation (Births, Deaths and Missing Persons Act.)

- 1. Registration marking of aircraft .....
- 2. Date of Birth (a).....
- 3. Place of Birth (b).....
- 4. Name (c).....
- 5. Sex (d).....
- 6. Forename, surname, usual residence and nationality of father (e).....
- 7. Forename, 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

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return.....

Date (a).....

NOTES—

- (a) Day and month in words, years in figures.
- (b) Approximate position, e.g. "40 miles south of Linden," "over Annai."
- (c) Full forenames of child.
- (d) "Male" or "female" as the case may be.
- (e) Forenames 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) Forenames 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
FORM No.

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Death

Return for the purposes of section 3 of the Civil Aviation (Births, Deaths and Missing Persons Act).

- 1. Registration marking of aircraft.....
2. Date of death (a).....
3. Place of death (b).....
4. Forename and surname (c).....
5. Usual residence at time of death (d)
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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.....

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Signature and rank of person completing the return

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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 Linden," "over Annai."
- (c) Forenames 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) Other particulars to be prescribed—

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

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 person there shall be inserted (1) the word "bachelor" or "spinster", as the case may be, followed by his or her profession or occupation (if any), rank and title (if any) and nationality, and (2) the words "son of" or "daughter of" followed by the name, profession, etc., of his or her father and mother.

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 and mother.

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

**BIRTHS IN AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN GUYANA**

No.	Registration marking of aircraft	Date and place of Birth	Name	sex	Forename, surname, usual residence and nationality if father	Forename, surname, maiden surname, usual residence and nationality of mother	Profession or occupation of father and rank or title (if any)	Name, description and home address of informant.	When registered	Signature of registrar	Baptismal or given name if added after registration of birth
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	

s. 4(b)

**FOURTH SCHEDULE**

**DEATHS IN AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN GUYANA**

No.	Registration marking of aircraft	Date and place of death	Forename, surname, and usual residence at time of death	Sex	Age	Profession or occupation, rank or title (if any)	Cause of death	Name, description and home address of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	

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**FIFTH SCHEDULE**

**PERSONS MISSING AND BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN  
CONSEQUENCE OF ACCIDENTS TO AIRCRAFT  
REGISTERED IN GUYANA**

No.	Registration marking of aircraft	Forename, surname and usual residence of missing person	Sex	Age	Profession or occupation, rank or title (if any) and nationality	Date and place of accident and grounds for presumption of death	When registered	Signature of registrar
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	