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CHAPTER 2. AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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§ 31. Definitions

When used in this chapter [18 USCS §§ 31 et seq.] the term—

“Aircraft engine”, “air navigation facility”, “appliance”, “civil aircraft”, “foreign air commerce”, “interstate air commerce”, “landing area”, “overseas air commerce”, “propeller”, “spare part” and “special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States” shall have the meaning ascribed to those terms in the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 [49 USCS Appx §§ 1301 et seq.], as amended.

“Motor vehicle” means every description of carriage or other contrivance propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used for commercial purposes on the highways in the transportation of passengers, passengers and property, or property or cargo:

“Destructive substance” means any explosive substance, flammable material, infernal machine, or other chemical, mechanical, or radioactive device or matter of a combustible, contaminative, corrosive, or explosive nature;

“Used for commercial purposes” means the carriage of persons or property for any fare, fee, rate, charge or other consideration, or directly or indirectly in connection with any business, or other undertaking intended for profit;

“In flight” means any time from the moment all the external doors of an aircraft are closed following embarkation until the moment when any such door is opened for disembarkation. In the case of a forced landing the flight shall be deemed to continue until competent authorities take over the responsibility for the aircraft and the persons and property on board; and

“In service” means any time from the beginning of preflight preparation of the aircraft by ground personnel or by the crew for a specific flight until twenty-four hours after any landing; the period of service shall, in any event, extend for the entire period during which the aircraft is in flight.

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“(2) such other security, and the foreign commerce of the United States;

“(3) the public interest for full classification of the records of the Commission on the Safety of Civil Aviation and the records of the Commission on the Safety of Civil Aviation and the records of the Commission on the Safety of Civil Aviation;

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