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Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol Official Commentary – Fourth Edition (2019)

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The *Official Commentary* on the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Aircraft Protocol, produced by Professor Sir Roy Goode pursuant to a Resolution of the Cape Town Diplomatic Conference, was published in 2002, and quickly became the definitive guide to the Convention and the Aircraft Protocol. It was last revised in 2013. Much has changed in the intervening five years. The Convention has now been ratified by 79 States and the Protocol by 75 States, together in each case with the European Community (now the European Union). The experience of the aviation industry based on large numbers of transactions registered under the Convention and Protocol, which will reach one million registrations in January 2019, has revealed a host of new issues which needed to be addressed. In addition the International Registry for aircraft objects has been progressively updated, and substantially enhanced facilities are now in preparation and will be the subject of new regulations designed to take effect in 2019 after approval by the Council of ICAO. In this fourth edition Sir Roy has extensively revised and expanded the Official Commentary to take account of these and other important developments and to expand the analysis of a range of issues. The *Official Commentary: Fourth Edition* is an essential guide for all those interested or involved in aviation finance and leasing.



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