



Flight Safety Notification

Dangerous Goods

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Amendment to the Technical Instructions for the Safe **Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (DOC 9284)** **Relating to Power Banks**

Reason for Revision

N/A

Introduction

In response to the increasing risks of fire associated with lithium batteries in aircraft cabin, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), based on recommendations from the Air Navigation Commission and the Dangerous Goods Panel, has amended the provisions for the carriage of lithium batteries, including power banks. This amendment :

- prohibits the recharging of power banks while on board the aircraft;
- limits the number of power banks that can be carried by each person to no more than two, and;
- recommends against using power banks to recharge portable electronic devices while onboard aircraft

Crewmembers will continue the carriage and use of power banks in line with their operational requirements, but not for personal use.

References

1. ICAO release – EB 2026/10
2. Addendum #1 to the 2025-2025 edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air

Applicability

This applies to all operators and agents acting on their behalf, as well as persons responsible for screening passengers at the airport.

Effectivity

This FSN is effective immediately

Definitions

A power bank is a portable battery that charges small devices like cellular phone, watches and tablets. Power banks contain lithium-ion battery, which can cause thermal runaway if overcharged, damaged, or overheated.

Background

This ICAO release emerged from discussions with the Air navigation Commission and the Dangerous Goods Panel to mitigate increasing risks of fire associated with lithium batteries in aircraft cabins.

Action

To enforce the active monitoring of the emerging risks associated with lithium batteries relating to power banks, the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority recommends the following:

1. review of dangerous goods training programme to include information regarding power banks
2. at the point of check-in and through safety announcements, inform passengers about the restrictions regarding power banks and that they should only be carried in carry-on baggage
3. when a carry-on bag is checked at the gate or at port side, power banks must be removed from bag and kept with the passenger in the cabin

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