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**Civil Aviation Department**  
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

## **Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular      DGAC 2/2017**

### **Dangerous Goods in E-Commerce Shipment**

#### Fast-Growing E-commerce Industry

The fast-growing e-commerce industry has created many commercial opportunities for various business sectors around the world, from information technology (IT) to online retail and logistics. E-commerce logistics often involve multiple entities including shippers and freight forwarders before individual shipment packages are consolidated and tendered for air carriage.

#### Shippers' and Freight Forwarders' Responsibilities

In view of the above, the air cargo industry is hereby reminded that shippers and freight forwarders are required by law to ensure that the **dangerous goods they consign for air carriage are properly classified, packed, marked, labelled and declared**. More particularly, for those entities involved in e-commerce business, as multiple stages and number of personnel are involved in the handling process, coupled with the availability of the different modes of carriage such as courier and air cargo, they are also reminded to exercise extra vigilance during the acceptance of all consignments. **Confirmation must be sought from the shippers when the contents of the consignments are in doubt**. This Department also urges the industry to widely distribute this circular to business partners in order to ensure that all entities in the air cargo supply chain are well aware of their responsibilities when consigning dangerous goods.

Contravention of Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations

The consignment of undeclared dangerous goods (e.g. lithium batteries) constitutes a contravention of the Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 384A of the Laws of Hong Kong), and the shipper and/or freight forwarder involved are liable for prosecution. On conviction, the shipper and/or the freight forwarder may be subject to a fine of \$250,000 and imprisonment for 2 years.

Should there be any query regarding this circular, please contact the Dangerous Goods Office at 2910 6856 or 2910 6857.

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