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Civil Aviation Department

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## **Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular DGAC 2/2024**

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### **Dangerous Goods in Passengers' Baggage**

The Civil Aviation Department (“CAD”) notes that there has been an increase in the number and variety of dangerous goods that passengers originating from or transiting through the Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”) have attempted to carry in their baggage recently. From home appliances such as portable air conditioners, dehumidifiers and refrigerators, to household items such as cleaning supplies, cassette gas, spray paint and party poppers, a variety of these innocuous-looking items that contained dangerous goods have been intercepted as passengers return to air travel.

2. In this connection, the CAD would like to remind airlines and passenger handling staff of the requirements for accepting passengers' baggage with regard to the carriage of dangerous goods as follows –

- i. Passengers are **forbidden to carry any dangerous goods**, whether in their carry-on baggage, checked baggage or on their person, unless those dangerous goods are permitted in accordance with the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the International Civil Aviation Organization. Additional requirements may be imposed by airlines on the carriage of such articles.
- ii. Dangerous goods that are permitted to be carried by passengers are **strictly for personal use only**. In cases of uncertainty, the carriage of a large quantity of portable electronic devices (PEDs) containing lithium batteries by passengers should be rejected.
- iii. **Restrictions** on the carriage of dangerous goods, such as quantity limits and protective measures required, shall be strictly adhered to. In particular, some dangerous goods such as power banks and spare batteries must be carried **in carry-on baggage only**, while cigarette lighters must be kept on the person.

Operator's responsibilities

3. In order to ensure that information on the types of dangerous goods which are forbidden for carriage aboard an aircraft is communicated effectively to passengers, **notices with visual examples** of those forbidden items shall be prominently displayed at key locations within an airport, including locations where tickets are issued, boarding passes are issued, passenger baggage is dropped off and aircraft boarding areas are maintained.

4. To prevent passengers from bringing forbidden dangerous goods on board, passenger handling staff shall **proactively seek confirmation from passengers** that they are not carrying any forbidden dangerous goods during the check-in process, and be vigilant in processing passengers' baggage in order to **identify and detect hidden dangerous goods**. Where there are suspicions that a passenger's baggage may contain forbidden dangerous goods, further confirmation about its contents shall be sought from the passenger concerned.

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

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<http://www.cad.gov.hk/english/DGAC.html>