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The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular DGAC 4/2026

Permission for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Munitions of War by Air

This circular serves to remind all aircraft operators of the requirements governing the carriage of dangerous goods and munitions of war ("MUW") to, from or over Hong Kong.

2. Under Regulation 3(1) of Schedule 16 to the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 ("AN(HK)O") (Cap. 448C), dangerous goods shall only be carried by an aircraft operator holding a valid permission issued by the Director-General of Civil Aviation ("DGCA") and in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission.

3. Similarly, pursuant to Article 43 of the AN(HK)O, an aircraft shall not carry any MUW unless such MUW is carried with the written permission of the DGCA and in accordance with any conditions relating thereto.

4. The relevant provisions of the AN(HK)O are extracted in Appendix I for ease of reference. The full version of the AN(HK)O can be downloaded from the Hong Kong e-Legislation website at *https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/*.

Exercise Due Diligence and Ensure Compliance

5. The Civil Aviation Department ("CAD") hereby reminds aircraft operators and their ground handling agents to exercise due diligence and to ensure that the necessary permissions are in place before accepting any consignments involving dangerous goods and MUW for air carriage. The conditions specified in these permissions, including but not limited to compliance with the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* published by the International Civil Aviation Organization, shall also be strictly observed.

6. Contravention of the provisions of the AN(HK)O is subject to prosecution.

Application Procedures and List of Permission Holders

7. The application procedures for the permission for air carriage of dangerous goods and MUW can be found in the relevant Aeronautical Information Circulars (AICs) issued by the CAD at *https://www.ais.gov.hk/#AIC1*. Aircraft operators should submit their applications to CAD well in advance of the intended commencement of operations or the expiry of their current permissions.

8. The list of aircraft operators holding permission for carriage of dangerous goods can be found at *https://www.cad.gov.hk/english/pdf/dgpermissionlist.pdf*.

9. The list of aircraft operators holding permission for carriage of MUW can be found at *https://www.cad.gov.hk/english/pdf/MUW%20Permission%20List.pdf*.

10. Should there be any queries regarding this circular, please contact the Dangerous Goods Office at 2910 6855, 2910 6856 or 2910 6857.

11. This circular supersedes DGAC 1/2019.

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An electronic version of this circular can be downloaded at
http://www.cad.gov.hk/english/DGAC.html

Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995
Schedule 16
The Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations

3. Carriage of dangerous goods

(1) An aircraft shall not carry or have loaded therein or suspended thereunder any dangerous goods, unless such goods are carried, loaded or suspended— *(L.N. 193 of 2009)*

(a) with the written permission of the Chief Executive and in accordance with any conditions to which such permission may be subject; and *(36 of 1999 s. 3)*

(b) in accordance with the Technical Instructions and any conditions specified therein.

(2) A person shall not—

(a) take or cause to be taken on board,

(b) suspend or cause to be suspended beneath, or

(c) deliver or cause to be delivered for loading on or suspension beneath, *(L.N. 179 of 1999; L.N. 140 of 2011)*

an aircraft any goods which he knows or ought to know or suspect to be dangerous goods, unless the provisions of these Regulations are complied with. *(L.N. 214 of 2003)*

(3) Subject to Regulation 8A of these Regulations, these Regulations shall not apply to dangerous goods carried on an aircraft where the dangerous goods are— *(L.N. 193 of 2009)*

(a) articles and equipment which are—

(i) required to be carried on the aircraft by or under this Order; or

(ii) otherwise intended for use on the aircraft for the purpose of the good order of the flight in accordance with normal practice,

whether or not such articles and equipment are required to be carried or intended to be used on that particular flight;

(b) solely intended for the use of, or for sale to, the passengers, flight crew members or cabin crew members of the aircraft during the flight;

(c) of a type specified in Chapter 1.1.5 of Part 1 of the Technical Instructions; *(L.N. 140 of 2011; L.N. 182 of 2013)*

(d)-(h) *(Repealed L.N. 140 of 2011)*

(i) of a type specified in Chapter 2.2.1 of Part 1 of the Technical Instructions;

(ia) of a type specified in Chapter 2.6 of Part 1 of the Technical Instructions; *(L.N. 92 of 2016)*

(j) of a type specified in Note 2 to Chapter 1.1.1, or Table 8–1 or Table 8–2, of Part 8 of the Technical Instructions. *(L.N. 195 of 2007; L.N. 182 of 2013; L.N. 177 of 2019; L.N. 81 of 2025)*

(3A)-(3F) *(Repealed L.N. 140 of 2011)*

(4) Save for Regulations 3(1)(a), 7(1) but only to the extent that it refers to the provisions in Chapter 2.1 of Part 7 of the Technical Instructions and 7(2) and 8(3) of these Regulations, these Regulations shall not apply to dangerous goods of the classifications specified in Chapter 5 of Part 3 of the Technical Instructions provided that: *(L.N. 234 of 2001; L.N. 193 of 2009)*

(a) the dangerous goods do not exceed the appropriate quantity limitations specified therein; and

(b) such other conditions as are specified therein are complied with.

Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995

[Article 43]

43. Carriage of weapons and of munitions of war

(1) An aircraft shall not carry any munition of war unless:

(a) such munition of war is carried with the written permission of the Chief Executive and in accordance with any conditions relating thereto; and

(b) the pilot in command of the aircraft is informed in writing by the operator before the flight commences of the type, weight or quantity and location of any such munition of war on board or suspended beneath the aircraft and any conditions of the permission of the Chief Executive. *(36 of 1999 s. 3; L.N. 77 of 2008)*

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this Article it shall be unlawful for an aircraft to carry any weapon or munition of war in any compartment or apparatus to which passengers have access.

(3) It shall be unlawful for a person to carry or have in his possession or take or cause to be taken on board an aircraft, to suspend or cause to be suspended beneath an aircraft or to deliver or cause to be delivered for carriage thereon any weapon or munition of war unless—

(a) the weapon or munition of war:

(i) is either part of the baggage of a passenger on the aircraft or consigned as cargo to be carried thereby;

(ii) is carried in a part of the aircraft, or in any apparatus attached to the aircraft inaccessible to passengers; and

(iii) in case of a firearm, is unloaded;

(b) particulars of the weapon or munition of war have been furnished by that passenger or by the consignor to the operator before the flight commences; and

(c) without prejudice to paragraph (1) of this Article the operator consents to the carriage of such weapon or munition of war by the aircraft.

(4) Nothing in this Article shall apply to any weapon or munition of war taken or carried on board an aircraft registered outside Hong Kong, if the weapon or munition of war, as the case may be, may under the law of the country in which the aircraft is registered be lawfully taken or carried on board for the purpose of ensuring the safety of the aircraft or of persons on board. *(L.N. 77 of 2008)*

(5) For the purposes of this Article a ***munition of war*** means any weapon, ammunition or article containing an explosive or any noxious liquid, gas or other thing which is designed or made for use in warfare or against persons, including parts, whether components or accessories, for such weapon, ammunition or article.

Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995

[Article 44]

44. Carriage of dangerous goods

(1) It shall be an offence to contravene or permit the contravention of or fail to comply with any of the regulations set out in Schedule 16 to this Order:

Provided that the Chief Executive may make regulations which supplement, amend or replace the regulations set out in the said Schedule 16, and which prescribe— *(36 of 1999 s. 3)*

(a) the classification of certain articles and substances as dangerous goods;

(b) the categories of dangerous goods which an aircraft may not carry;

(c) the conditions which apply to the loading on, suspension beneath and carriage by an aircraft of dangerous goods;

(d) the manner in which dangerous goods must be packed, marked, labelled and consigned before being loaded on, suspended beneath or carried by an aircraft;

(e) any other provisions for securing the safety of aircraft and any apparatus attached thereto, and the safety of persons and property on the surface in relation to the loading on, suspension beneath or carriage by an aircraft of dangerous goods;

(f) the persons to whom information about the carriage of dangerous goods must be provided;

(g) the documents relating to the carriage by an aircraft of dangerous goods which must be produced to the Chief Executive or an authorized person on request. *(36 of 1999 s. 3)*

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article shall be without prejudice to any other provisions of this Order; and the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article, of Schedule 16 to this Order and of any regulations supplementing, amending or replacing the regulations set out in the said Schedule 16 shall be additional to and not in derogation from the provisions of Article 43 of this Order.