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OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT

GENERAL

DANGEROUS GOODS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS AND CREW – PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) has taken note of the recent developments and concerns regarding the use of the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 device.

Moreover, the SACAA has also noted the announcement by Samsung, urging consumers with either an original Galaxy Note 7 or replacement Galaxy Note 7 to switch off and stop using the device.

2. The SACAA therefore informs airlines and other operators that they need to ensure that passengers and crew do not carry the device on board, whether on their person or as check-in luggage or carry-on luggage.
3. Air operators are required to comply with the Special Provision A154 of the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods which stipulate that 'lithium batteries identified by the manufacturer as being defective for safety reasons; or that have been damaged; or that have the potential of producing a dangerous evolution of heat, fire or short circuit are forbidden for transport by air (e.g. those being returned to the manufacturer for safety reasons)'. The same provision can be found in the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.



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