



## AVIATION SECURITY DIRECTIVE

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### SUBJECT: PROHIBITED ITEMS INSIDE AIRCRAFT CABINS

#### 1.0 Purpose

This Aviation Security Directive (ASD) is issued pursuant to Section 19 of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 2008 for guidance and necessary actions to be taken by passengers, non-passengers, Aircraft Operators and Aerodrome Operators in Mauritius, in relation to items that are not allowed to be taken in the cabin (carry-on items) and hold (checked-in baggage) of an aircraft and beyond Screening Check Points for security and safety reasons.

#### 2.0 Objective

The objective of this ASD is to prevent the introduction on board aircraft of items that may endanger the safety and security of passengers.

#### 3.0 Applicability

This Aviation Security Directive is applicable at airports serving civil aviation in Mauritius.

#### 4.0 Items prohibited on board aircraft and beyond Security Check Points

4.1 In accordance with the recommendations of the International Civil Aviation Organisation for the safety and security of passengers, the types of articles listed at **Annex** to this ASD shall not be allowed to be carried beyond Screening Check Points at airports serving civil aviation.

4.2 The list of prohibited items listed at **Annex** to this ASD is not exhaustive. Any unlisted item that, based on a risk assessment by officers undertaking screening duties, is deemed potentially dangerous for the safety and security of passengers, shall not be allowed beyond Screening Check Points.

#### 5.0 Exemptions

5.1 Some prohibited items carried by non-passengers for the purpose of carrying out their duties may be allowed beyond Screening Check Points. Exempted items include tools of trade and items that have been specifically allowed to be carried through Screening Check

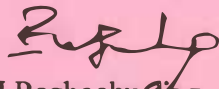
Points by the Director of Civil Aviation.

5.2 Persons who are required to carry prohibited items (tools of trade) into sterile areas/on board aircraft are required to provide an endorsed list of such items (bearing company stamp and duly signed by a responsible officer from their respective organisations) to be presented to screening staff at Screening Check Points.

5.3 Screening staff shall inspect tool boxes to ensure that prohibited items, other than the exempted ones, are not carried beyond Screening Check Points. Exempted prohibited items allowed into sterile areas shall be closely monitored by the airport operators.

*Note: Security controls on the carriage of Liquids, Aerosols and Gels (LAGs) beyond screening check points are contained in a separate Aviation Security Directive.*

6.0 The collaboration of everyone is sought for the enhancement of aviation security.



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## PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST

1. The following articles are prohibited in the cabin of an aircraft and in security restricted areas for security reasons:
- a) guns, firearms and other devices that discharge projectiles designed to cause serious injury by discharging a projectile, or capable of being mistaken for such devices, including:
    - i) firearms of all types, including pistols, revolvers, rifles and shotguns;
    - ii) toy guns, replicas and imitation firearms capable of being mistaken for real weapons;
    - iii) component parts of firearms, excluding telescopic sights;
    - iv) compressed air and carbon dioxide guns, including pistols, pellet guns, rifles and ball bearing guns;
    - v) signal flare pistols and starter pistols;
    - vi) bows, crossbows and arrows;
    - vii) harpoon guns and spear guns; and
    - viii) slingshots and catapults;
  - b) stunning devices designed specifically to stun or immobilize, including:
    - i) devices for shocking, such as stun guns and stun batons;
    - ii) animal stunners and animal killers; and
    - iii) disabling and incapacitating chemicals, gases and sprays, such as mace, pepper or capsicum sprays, acid sprays, animal repellent sprays, and tear gas;
  - c) objects with sharp points or sharp edges capable of being used to cause serious injury, including:
    - i) items designed for chopping, such as axes, hatchets and cleavers;
    - ii) ice axes and ice picks;
    - iii) razor blades and box cutters;
    - iv) knives with blades of more than 6 cm;
    - v) scissors with blades of more than 6 cm as measured from the fulcrum;
    - vi) martial arts equipment with sharp points or sharp edges; and
    - vii) swords and sabres;
  - d) workers' tools capable of being used either to cause serious injury or to threaten the safety of aircraft, including:
    - i) crowbars;
    - ii) drills and drill bits, including cordless portable power drills;
    - iii) tools with blades or shafts more than 6 cm capable of use as weapons, such as screwdrivers and chisels;
    - iv) saws, including cordless portable power saws;
    - v) blowtorches; and
    - vi) bolt guns and nail guns;

- e) blunt instruments capable of being used to cause serious injury when used to hit, including:
  - i) baseball and softball bats;
  - ii) clubs and batons, such as billy clubs, blackjacks and night sticks; and
  - iii) martial arts equipment;
  
- f) explosives and incendiary substances and devices capable of being used to cause serious injury or threatening the safety of aircraft, including:
  - i) ammunition;
  - ii) blasting caps;
  - iii) detonators and fuses;
  - iv) replica or imitation explosive devices;
  - v) mines, grenades and other explosive military stores;
  - vi) pyrotechnics, including fireworks;
  - vii) smoke-generating canisters or cartridges; and
  - viii) dynamite, gunpowder and plastic explosives; and
  
- g) LAGs as specified in the guidance material for security controls of LAGs.

2. Explosive or incendiary substances or devices capable of being used to cause serious injury or threatening the safety of aircraft are prohibited in the hold of an aircraft for safety reasons, including the following (rules granting exemptions under defined circumstances may exist):

- a) with the approval of the operator, certain cartridges may be permitted for transport in hold baggage under conditions specified in Part 8, Chapter 1, 1.1.2, of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284);
  
- b) blasting caps;
  
- c) detonators and fuses;
  
- d) mines, grenades and other explosive military stores;
  
- e) pyrotechnics, including fireworks;
  
- f) smoke-generating canisters or cartridges; and
  
- g) dynamite, gunpowder and plastic explosives.

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