

Aviation Security Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2024 to be gazetted on Friday

The Government will publish the Aviation Security Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2024 (the Order) in the Gazette this Friday (November 29).

A spokesperson for the Security Bureau today (November 27) said that Schedule 1 of the Aviation Security Ordinance (the Ordinance) specifies a list of countries or territories to which the Convention on Offences and certain other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed in Tokyo on September 14, 1963 (the Tokyo Convention), applies. The purpose of the Tokyo Convention is to protect the safety of aircraft and that of the persons or property thereon, and to maintain good order and discipline on board.

As the International Civil Aviation Organization would update the above list from time to time, the Government would update Schedule 1 to the Ordinance accordingly to reflect any changes. The purpose of the Order is to give effect to the updated list of countries or territories to which the Tokyo Convention applies. The Government also takes the opportunity to update the official names of some of the countries or territories in the existing Schedule.

The Order will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on December 4. Subject to the completion of the legislative procedures, the Order will come into effect on March 1, 2025.