

CAD updates regulations on air passengers carrying lithium battery power banks to further enhance aviation safety

â€‹The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) is highly concerned about recent safety incidents suspected to have been caused by passengers carrying and using lithium battery power banks (power banks) on aircraft. Following a notice issued last month reminding the aviation industry to strictly enforce relevant regulations regarding the carriage of items by passengers onboard, the CAD met with representatives from local airlines last Friday (March 21) and issued a new notice today (March 24) to update the requirements and regulations for local airlines regarding passengers carrying and using power banks, with a view to further enhancing aviation safety.

According to the latest requirements, in addition to complying with the International Civil Aviation Organization's relevant regulations on the carriage of items by passengers onboard, starting from April 7, local airlines should not allow their passengers to use power banks to charge other portable electronic devices and/or recharge power banks during flight. Stowage of power banks in the overhead compartments is also prohibited with the same effective date.

For any queries, passengers are advised to check with relevant airlines on the latest regulations before their flight.

The CAD will continue to maintain close communication with relevant parties and actively follow up on the implementation of these new regulations.