



**Subject: FIRE RISK OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN CHECKED-IN BAGGAGE ON BOARD AN AIRCRAFT**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this Notice is to advise air operators, passengers and crew of the risks involved with transporting electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) in checked-in baggage on board an aircraft.

**Audience:**

Air operators, passengers and crew

**Background:**

Electronic cigarettes are being carried by passengers in increasing numbers. Several incidents have been reported involving e-cigarettes overheating through the accidental activation of their heating elements resulting in fires in checked baggage.

**Action:**

GACA is advising air operators, passengers and crew of this safety risk and recommending that e-cigarettes be carried in the cabin, where an incident can be immediately mitigated, and not in checked-in baggage.

**Reference:**

- ICAO EB 2014/074 AN 11/2.1
- FAA SAFO 15003.
- EASA SIB No.: 2015-06

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