

DANGEROUS GOODS BULLETIN

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Subject: Power Banks – New Requirements and Operational Provisions

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To: All staff- Call Center- Ground Operations, Flight/Cabin Crew

1. Background

Following the ICAO addendum issued on 27 March 2026, new provisions have been introduced concerning the carriage and use of power banks, now clearly differentiated from spare batteries.

2. Safety Concerns

Power bank is an easily carried universal external power source, capable of providing power to multiple devices such as mobile phones and generally, power banks are made up of multiple cells.

Power banks represent an increasing risk related to thermal runaway and onboard fire hazards:

- Widespread availability of non-compliant devices not meeting UN 38.3 standards.
- Increased risk linked to counterfeit or low-quality products.
- Emerging concerns related to wireless power banks, which may overheat or fail.



3. Key Regulatory Changes

- Clear distinction between power banks and spare batteries.
- Limitation of **maximum 2 power banks per person**.
- Prohibition of recharging power banks during flight.

4. Provisions for Passengers and Crew (Personal Use)

Power banks carried for personal use must comply with the following:

- Must be carried in **carry-on baggage only**. (existing requirement);
- Must not be recharged onboard the aircraft. **(new requirement)**;
- Should not be used to recharge other portable electronic devices during flight ⁽¹⁾. **(new recommendation)**;
- Maximum of **2 power banks** per person. **(new requirement)**
- Must be individually protected to prevent short circuits. (existing requirement);
- Must not be placed in cabin baggage loaded in the overhead storage locker; they should be stored **under the seat in front of the passenger or in another designated storage location**, such as the seat back pocket. **(new requirement)**

Note ⁽¹⁾ – Medical Devices Exception:

Passengers may use power banks on board **for charging portable medical devices**, such as POC, CPAP, and similar equipment, **with operator approval**.

5. Operator Approval

Passengers wishing to carry large numbers of spare batteries, power banks, portable electronic devices (PEDs), or devices which have larger batteries must obtain prior approval from the operator when the battery rating exceeds 100 Wh and is up to 160 Wh.

- Information on lithium batteries and other dangerous goods is available on the operator's website and during check-in.
- To avoid delays, passengers should provide all required information in advance via electronic channels to obtain approval before travel.
- Approval may be refused if the information is incomplete or insufficient.

Please check the table to determine if / how the devices containing batteries, as well as spare batteries and power banks can be carried, and whether the approval of the operator is required.

Wh rating	lithium metal content	Configuration	Carry-on baggage	Checked baggage	Operator approval
≤ 100 Wh	≤ 2 g	Installed in PED or PMED	Yes ¹	Yes*	No ¹
		Spare battery(ies)	Yes ²	No	No ²
		Power bank	Yes ³	No	No ³
> 100 Wh but ≤ 160 Wh		Installed in PED or PMED	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Spare battery(ies)	Yes ⁴	No	Yes
		Power bank	Forbidden		
	> 2 g but ≤ 8 g	Installed in PMED only	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Spare batteries for PMED only	Yes ⁴	No	Yes
		e-cigarette	Yes	No	No
≤ 2.7 Wh	≤ 0.3 g	Installed in smart luggage	Yes	Yes	No
> 2.7 Wh	> 0.3 g	Removable battery integrated in smart luggage	Yes	Yes**	No
		Non-removable battery installed in smart luggage	Forbidden		
>160Wh		Must be prepared and transported as cargo in accordance with the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations			

- Each person is limited to a maximum of 15 PED. The operator may approve the carriage of more than 15 PED.
 - Each person is limited to a maximum of 20 spare batteries of any type. The operator may approve the carriage of more than 20 spare batteries.
 - Limited to a maximum of 2 power banks.
 - Limited to a maximum of 2 spare batteries.
- * When devices are carried in checked baggage, must be completely switched off (not in sleep or hibernation mode), unless
- lithium content does not exceed 0.3 g for lithium metal batteries per device, and
 - Wh rating does not exceed 2.7 Wh for lithium-ion batteries per device.
- ** If the baggage is to be checked in, the lithium battery must be removed and the removed battery must be carried in the cabin.

6. Required Actions

All operational departments must:

- Ensure dissemination of this bulletin to all relevant personnel.
- Apply the new restrictions consistently.
- Provide adequate passenger information, **including storage requirements and medical device exceptions.**
- Report any issues through Safety/SMS channels.