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**Subject:**

Cessna 206 Cargo Doors

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**Discussion:** A recent Interior aircraft accident investigation revealed that the pilot and passenger were unable to open the double aft cargo doors of a Cessna 206 while the flaps were lowered. This occurred because flaps in the down position will cause the forward cargo door to jam against the flap. The rear cargo door will open with the flaps down. However, the process is complicated, requiring one to partially open the forward cargo door before opening the rear. Instructions can be found on a placard located on the forward cargo door. Pilots and passengers must be familiar with this procedure to safely egress in the event of an emergency.

**Recommendations:**

1. Flight crews should brief passengers and demonstrate the steps necessary to open the double aft cargo doors when the flaps are lowered and;
2. Flight crews and passengers should periodically practice the procedure for opening the double aft cargo doors from both inside and outside the aircraft when the flaps are down.

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