



Interagency Aviation SAFETY ALERT



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Subject: Department of Transportation bans all Samsung Galaxy Note7 phones from aircraft.

Area of Concern: Flight Safety

Distribution: All Aviation Activities

Discussion: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), issued an emergency order to ban all Samsung Galaxy Note7 smartphone devices from air transportation in the United States. Individuals who own or possess a Samsung Galaxy Note7 device may not transport the device on their person, in carry-on baggage, or in checked baggage on flights to, from, or within the United States. This prohibition includes all Samsung Galaxy Note7 devices. The phones also cannot be shipped as air cargo. The ban became effective on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

The Samsung Galaxy Note7 device is considered a forbidden hazardous material under the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-185). For additional information go to <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/dot-bans-all-samsung-galaxy-note7-phones-airplanes>.

For additional information about safe travel with lithium batteries and other potentially hazardous materials, visit the DOT Safe Travel Website at <http://phmsa.dot.gov/safetravel/batteries>.

This ban applies to all DOI and Forest Service owned, leased and contracted aircraft.

Recommendations:

1. All agency and contracted pilots as well as fixed-wing and helicopter flight managers need to include in their pre-flight briefing that the Samsung Galaxy Note7 is NOT allowed onboard any DOI or Forest Service owned, leased or contracted aircraft.
2. Best Practices are to turn off ALL electronic devices and not to charge them on any DOI/USFS flights, with the exception of approved Electronic Flight Bags.

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