EASA Safety Information Bulletin

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Subject:	**Fire Risk of Electronic Cigarettes in Checked Baggage**
Ref. Publication:	International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Electronic Bulletin (EB) 2014/074 AN 11/2.1 "Dangerous Goods Carried by Passenger and Crew — Incidents Related to Electronic Cigarettes" dated 10 December 2014.
	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety Alert for Operators (SAFO) 15003 "Fire Risk of Electronic Cigarettes (e-cigarettes) in Checked Baggage" dated 22 January 2015.
Applicability:	All aircraft operators.
Description:	Several incidents were reported to ICAO involving electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) overheating by way of their heating element being accidentally activated resulting in a fire in checked baggage. ICAO is considering an amendment for the 2015-2016 Edition of Doc 9284 (Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods By Air). Pending that amendment, ICAO has issued EB 2014/074 AN 11/2.1 to all Member States that describes the risks of carrying e-cigarettes and contains a recommendation to Member States in this regard. Prompted by this, the FAA has issued SAFO 15003.
Recommendation(s):	Following the ICAO EB 2014/074 AN 11/2.1 and FAA SAFO 15003, EASA recommends aircraft operators to require passengers to carry e-cigarettes in the cabin, where an incident can be immediately mitigated, and not in their checked baggage. Aircraft operators are encouraged to communicate their e-cigarette policy to passengers through any means already used to inform passengers about dangerous goods and related company policies.
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