

Advisory Circular

RETENTION OF DANGEROUS GOODS OR MUNITIONS OF WAR (MOW)

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1. **GENERAL.** Pursuant to paragraph 88B of the Air Navigation Order, the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (DGCA) may, from time to time, issue advisory circulars (ACs) on any aspect of safety in civil aviation. This AC contains information about standards, practices and procedures acceptable to CAAS. The revision number of the AC is indicated in parenthesis in the suffix of the AC number.
2. **PURPOSE.** This AC is to advise the industry on the circumstances in which materials or evidence(s) relating to incidents/accidents involving the carriage of dangerous goods or munitions of war (MOW) should be retained for the purpose of facilitating the investigation by the appropriate authorities, and the associated actions to be taken during such situations.
3. **APPLICABILITY.** This AC applies to air operators and their appointed ground handling agents involved in the transportation of dangerous goods (DG) or MOW by air into and out of Singapore and Singapore air operators.
4. **CANCELLATION.** This is the first AC issued on this subject.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This AC is effective from 14 August 2012.
6. **REFERENCES.** Paragraphs 50F and 50G of the Air Navigation Order (ANO).
7. **CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DANGEROUS GOODS IS TO BE RETAINED.**
 - 7.1 The ANO empowers CAAS officers to inspect, examine and obtain samples of any goods to determine whether such goods are classified as dangerous goods or and, if determined to be dangerous goods or MOW, whether the carriage of such goods comply with the requirements of the carriage of dangerous goods and/or MOW.
 - 7.2 In the event that the State of Occurrence is not Singapore, the air operator or its appointed ground handling agent should follow the instructions of the authority of the State of Occurrence. The operator should also update CAAS in a timely manner on the status of the shipment or consignment under the custody of any foreign authority.

- 7.3 An air operator or its appointed handling agent is to retain the dangerous goods or MOW shipment for further investigation when any of the following occurs in Singapore or when it involves a Singapore registered aircraft wherever it may be:
- (a) an incident or accident involving a shipment of dangerous goods or MOW;
 - (b) a discovery of undeclared or mis-declared dangerous goods or MOW in cargo; or
 - (c) a discovery among passengers' baggage of any dangerous goods which is not permitted for air carriage in passengers' baggage.
- 7.4 The air operator or its appointed ground handling agent should:
- (a) retain the dangerous goods item(s) until authorization is obtained from CAAS or the relevant authority of the State of Occurrence for its release; and
 - (b) preserve and store the above items in a safe and secure location and facilitate CAAS or the relevant authority in the state of occurrence in the investigation.
- 7.5 Air operators or handling agents are required to report within 24 hours to CAAS of any Incident /or accident involving the carriage of dangerous goods by air through the SAIRS (caas_dfirs@caas.gov.sg) using part 4 of CAAS form AW139.

8. CONTACT PERSON AND INFORMATION.

- 8.1 Should you have any queries relating to the above, please e-mail to us at CAAS_Dangerousgoods@caas.gov.sg.