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## SAFETY NOTICE

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### DANGEROUS GOODS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS IN AIRCRAFT

Persons affected - Operators and crewmembers

#### 1. Background

Electronic cigarettes, which are also called personal vaporizers or electronic nicotine delivery systems, are battery-powered devices that simulate tobacco smoking by producing a heated vapour resembling smoke. The devices have a heating element to vaporize a liquid solution and passengers are currently permitted to carry these devices.

#### 2. Situation

Several incidents have been reported involving electronic cigarettes overheating through the accidental activation of their heating elements resulting in fires. If those devices had caught fire in baggage that has been placed in an inaccessible cargo/baggage hold there could be major safety issues.

#### 3. Requirement

All San Marino operators of aircraft with a separate cargo/baggage area, which either cannot be accessed in flight or do not have a fire suppression capability, are required to inform passengers verbally or through pre-boarding briefing procedures that electronic cigarettes are to be carried in the cabin and not in checked baggage. In the event of such a device overheating it can then be located and the situation resolved.

Operators are recommended to add this requirement in their Operations Manual.

In the interests of flight safety,

Eng. Marco Conti  
Director General

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