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### **BAN ON SAMSUNG GALAXY NOTE 7**

Pursuant to Section 15.(2) of the Aviation Security Act 2011 the following circular is issued for immediate implementation

#### **1. PURPOSE**

This Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is issued to inform the public that the **Samsung Galaxy Note 7** model of phone/tablet is now banned on all flights originating or arriving in Botswana. The device/gadget is therefore prohibited in any aircraft engaged in commercial or non-commercial operations, and shall not be carried on board the aircraft as cargo, hold baggage, cabin baggage or any other means.

#### **2. APPLICABILITY**

This Circular is applicable to all aircraft operators, aerodrome operators, ground handling organizations, cargo handling companies, passengers, and all persons/entities entering the airside for the purpose of boarding, loading or servicing aircraft, or any other purpose.

#### **3. EFFECTIVITY**

The Circular is effective immediately and should be implemented without delay.

#### **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is issued pursuant to Section 15. (2) Of the Aviation Security Act 2011 which requires the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) to issue circulars, publications, requirements and directions prescribing aviation security matters.

Recent reports for other countries have indicated the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 devices have a serious risk of exploding or catching fire when in use, posing high risk of

severe personal injury and safety of flight. This includes the smart phones that were recently replaced by the manufacturer.

CAAB has been monitoring these developments very closely. In its efforts to safeguard the safety and security of the travelling public, the Authority has taken a decision to ban carriage of the Galaxy Note 7 devices from flights bound for or departing from Botswana. The devices will not be allowed past the security checkpoints at aerodromes in the country, or be carried in an aircraft under any circumstances.

## **5. ACTION REQUIRED**

Aircraft operators and Aerodrome Operators are required to implement measures to ensure that passengers and crew are aware and comply with the prohibition against air transport of the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 device.

Air Operators should also issue notices to their travel and booking agents, and Cargo/Ground Handling Agents to ensure that this information is widely circulated.

Aerodrome Operators shall ensure that signs and posters are placed in strategic places in the airport informing passengers of the ban.

Before boarding aircraft, passengers should also be reminded of this prohibition. Those found in possession of the device should be denied boarding unless they divest themselves and their baggage (including carry-on and checked) of the Galaxy Note 7 device.

## **6. ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

Any person caught trying to carry Samsung Galaxy Note7 onboard an aircraft, or trying to circumvent the ban in anyway, or refusing to comply with security measures at airports shall be liable to criminal prosecution. Other actions may include confiscation of the device(s) and imposition of fines.

This AIC is effective with immediate effect.

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