Brunei Department of Civil Aviation

FLIGHT OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

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ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR FOR SHIPPER, FREIGHT FORWARDER AND DESIGNATED POSTAL OPERATOR

1. Introduction

1.1. This Flight Operations Directive (FOD) establishes the requirements of the Brunei Department of Civil Aviation concerning the declaration of activities, establishment and approval of dangerous goods training programmes, and regulatory oversight of shippers, freight forwarders and designated postal operators involved in the transport of goods by air.

1.2. This directive is issued in the interest of aviation safety, enforcing the legal requirements set forth in the Tenth Schedule of Brunei Civil Aviation Regulations (CAP 290), Brunei Aviation Requirements 18 – The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (BAR 18), ICAO Annex 18 (The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air), and the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284).

2. Applicability

2.1. This Directive applies to shippers, freight forwarders and designated postal operators undertaking functions associated with the preparation, processing, forwarding or acceptance of goods or mail intended for transport by air within Brunei Darussalam, to the extent applicable to their respective functions and responsibilities.

2.2. Air operators, cargo handling agents and ground handling agents involved in the acceptance of dangerous goods for air transport shall comply with the applicable verification and acceptance requirements specified in this Directive.

3. Mandatory Declaration and Training Programme

3.1. All shippers, freight forwarders, and postal operators within Brunei Darussalam must formally declare to the Department of Civil Aviation whether they engage in the shipping or forwarding of goods by air.

3.2. Entities subject to dangerous goods training requirements shall establish, implement and maintain a dangerous goods training and assessment programme appropriate to the functions and responsibilities of their personnel, in accordance with the applicable provisions of BAR 18 and the ICAO Technical Instructions. The programme shall address the relevant competencies required for personnel involved in dangerous goods activities and, where applicable, the recognition of undeclared or misdeclared dangerous goods in general cargo.

3.3. This training programme must be formally submitted to, and approved by, the Department of Civil Aviation.

3.4. Where dangerous goods training is conducted by an external training provider, the entity shall remain responsible for ensuring that its training programme adequately addresses the functions and competencies required of its personnel. The use of an external training provider shall not relieve the entity of its responsibility to establish, maintain and, where required, obtain approval of its training programme.

4. Shipments and Cargo Acceptance

4.1. Effective 01 November 2026 until 31 January 2027, all shipments by air containing dangerous goods originating from Brunei Darussalam shall only be accepted from shippers, freight forwarders, and postal operators with personnel who currently hold valid dangerous goods certification from training providers approved by the Department or from training providers with IATA CBTA Provider or IATA CBTA Excellence accreditation.

4.2. Notwithstanding paragraph 4.1., shippers, freight forwarders, and designated postal operators shall obtain the necessary dangerous goods training approval from the Department.

4.3. Effective 01 February 2027, all shipments by air containing dangerous goods originating from Brunei Darussalam shall not be accepted until shippers, freight forwarders, and postal operators obtain the necessary training programme approval from the Department, regardless of the status of the utilized training provider.

4.4. Failure to comply will result in shipments containing dangerous goods being rejected for air transport.

4.5. Cargo and/or ground handling agents will be required to verify and confirm with the Department's registry of approved entities before accepting the dangerous goods.

5. Continuous Oversight and Surveillance

5.1. The Department of Civil Aviation shall maintain continuous regulatory oversight of all declared shippers, freight forwarders, and designated postal operators operating within Brunei Darussalam.

5.2. Authorised inspectors of the Department of Civil Aviation may conduct scheduled or unannounced inspections and surveillance activities, in accordance with their powers under applicable legislation, to verify an entity's compliance with this Directive. Such activities may include the examination of facilities, cargo, operational procedures, documentation, training programmes and personnel training records

5.3. Entities shall facilitate inspections and provide access to relevant facilities, personnel and records as required under applicable legislation. Where non-compliance is identified, the Department may take appropriate regulatory or enforcement action in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework, including the suspension or revocation of relevant approvals where warranted.

6. Queries

6.1. Any enquiries concerning the requirements or implementation of this Directive may be addressed to the Department of Civil Aviation, Flight Operations Section, via email at flightops.regulatory@dca.gov.bn, or by telephone at +673 233 0142.

7. Amendment, revocation and suspension

7.1. This Directive FOD-2026/009 will remain in force effective 01 November 2026 unless revoked or suspended by the Director of Civil Aviation, Negara Brunei Darussalam.

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