

Updates to the Handling of Power Banks Onboard Aircraft

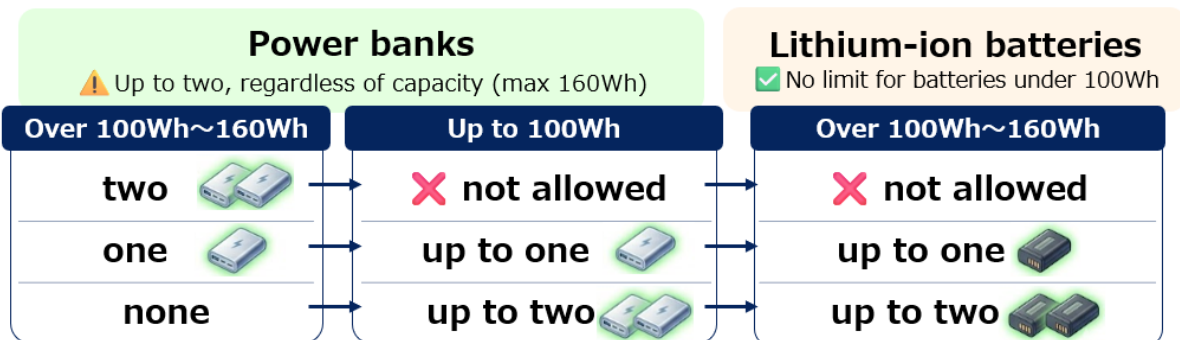
In alignment with recent amendments by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) regarding onboard power bank restrictions, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) will update its administrative notices and circulars under the Civil Aeronautics Act.

In response, The Scheduled Airlines Association of Japan (SAAJ) and its member airlines will adopt a unified approach in implementing the following measures, effective Friday, April 24, 2026. This collective effort aims to prevent incidents such as smoke or fire involving power banks on board aircraft and to further enhance cabin safety:

- Power banks are strictly prohibited in checked baggage and must be transported as carry-on items only. <sup>\*1</sup>
- The capacity of any single device must not exceed 160Wh. <sup>\*1</sup>
- Power banks and spare lithium-ion batteries must be kept in separate bags to prevent short-circuits. <sup>\*1</sup>
- Power banks may not be stowed in overhead compartments.
- **[New]** No more than 2 (two) power banks are allowed per passenger.
- **[New]** Charging power banks via in-seat power outlets or USB ports is prohibited. <sup>\*1</sup>
- **[New]** The use of power banks for the purpose of charging other electronic devices is prohibited while onboard the aircraft. <sup>\*1</sup>

- <sup>\*1</sup> Violating these items may result in penalties under the Civil Aeronautics Act.
- Crew members are exempt where required for operational purposes.
- Stricter rules may apply depending on the airline.

Power bank handling restrictions:



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The Scheduled Airlines Association of Japan  
Member airlines

**Power banks:**

Devices intended for the purpose of charging other electronic equipment



**Lithium-ion batteries:**

Spare batteries that have been removed from electronic equipment (e.g. digital cameras)



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### About The Scheduled Airlines Association of Japan (SAAJ)

Established on December 6, 1991, SAAJ conducts various research and studies related to the air transportation industry in order to promote the sound development of air transport services in Japan.

**Main Activities:**

- Research and studies related to the air transportation industry
- Policy advocacy and petitions to government agencies, the legislature, political parties, and other stakeholders
- Public outreach to air travelers and the general public
- Matters concerning legal and regulatory issues
- Other activities necessary to achieve the association's objectives

Number of member companies: 19 (As of April 14, 2026)



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