

Ban on Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Note 7 for all flights

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism issued the following order regarding a ban on the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 for all flights.

Additional Order on Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Note 7

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There have been reports of incidents, including fires, involving Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Note 7 smartphone (not on sale in Japan). As reports of similar incidents continued even after Samsung recalled and began to replace all units of this smartphone, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) will completely ban these devices on all flights.

The US Federal Aviation Authority issued an order in the early morning of October 15 JST (in the evening of the 14th EST) to completely ban the Galaxy Note 7 on all flights, even if the phones are switched off. The ban took effect on Saturday, October 15th at noon EST (Sunday 16th at 1:00 a.m. JST).

The government of Japan followed this move, and MLIT ordered Japanese airlines to ban the Galaxy Note 7 on all flights.

MLIT had previously ordered Japanese airlines to request their passengers to keep their Galaxy Note 7 phones turned off and not to charge them on board aircraft and not to stow them in any checked-in baggage on or after September 9. This latest order will completely ban carrying the phone on board.