

FAQs: Cargo Tracking Devices

Question:

What are the regulatory conditions to use a Tracker / Cargo Tracking Device on board commercial flights?

Answer:

As per Regulation (EU) 965/2012 on air operations (requirement CAT.GEN.MPA.140), it is the operator's responsibility to authorize the use of PED on board an aircraft, after having ensured that it has no impact on the safe operations of the aircraft.

The technical criteria to support that decision are spelled out in AMC1 CAT.GEN.MPA.140. The following paragraphs apply more specifically to trackers:

(d)(3) Alternative EMI assessment of cargo tracking devices

(e) Operational conditions of C-PEDs and cargo tracking devices

(f) Batteries in C-PEDs and cargo tracking devices

GM3 CAT.GEN.MPA.140 provides guidance on safety assessment standards, HIRF certification, and FMEA.

Note: AMC1 and GM3 to CAT.GEN.MPA.140 are amended by Annex III to ED Decision 2019/008/R (see below). These changes will be applicable on 09/07/2019.

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