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Subject :

To restate, in order to ensure aviation safety, the use of any device on board an aircraft which may interfere with aircraft navigation or communications is prohibited while the aircraft is in flight.

Background :

1. While conducting an en route inspection of an air carrier, an aviation safety inspector (ASI) experienced an event that was categorized as a potentially serious hazard. During the takeoff phase, just prior to reaching V1, a rather loud “warbling” sound was detected by both crewmembers. It was later determined that the sound came from the First Officer’s cellular phone, which had been left in the ON position. As a result, the ring tone caused a distraction between the crewmembers during the takeoff phase and could have led the crew to initiate an unnecessary rejected takeoff. (This is a quote from the FAA SAFO 09003.)
2. Refer to Article 43-2 of the CIVIL AVIATION ACT, *“no person shall use any device that may interfere with navigation or telecommunications from the time the cabin door is shut and the cabin crew announces such prohibited use up to the time the said door is reopened.”*

Recommendation :

An operator should ensure that this regulatory requirement be clearly specified and incorporated in its operations manual, and be made familiar with all its operations personnel by all means, in the performance of their duties. CAA shall take that as an emphasized item during aviation safety inspection.