

Flight Safety Advisory Circular

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Subject:

ALL NATIONAL CARRIERS SHOULD COOPERATE WITH AIRPORT POLICE TO PERFORM REQUIRED SECURITY CHECK.

Background:

On Aug. 24, 1999, a MD-90 aircraft flew from TSA to HUA. When aircraft landed at Hualien, there was an explosion in the forward cabin area resulting in a fire onboard. Passengers were evacuated via emergency exit and slides, several passengers received burned injuries.

Recommendation:

Carriers should cooperate with airport police in performing security checks of all passengers, check in-baggage and cargo.

Carriers should have a procedure to insure the aircraft is thoroughly checked after landing for baggage/cargo left on board.

Airport police should ensure the security checks are being conducted properly.