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**RELEASE OF THE 2024 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL  
AVIATION SECURITY PROGRAM (NCASP) AND REVISED  
PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST**

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**INFORMATION PAPER**

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides an overview of the recent release of the 2024 Edition of the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP) and the Revised Prohibited Items List by the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) of the Philippines. These documents have been updated to enhance aviation security measures in alignment with international standards and to address emerging threats in civil aviation.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Office for Transportation Security (OTS) of the Philippines has recently released the 2024 Edition of the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP) and the Revised Prohibited Items List. These documents have been developed in response to the evolving threat landscape and in compliance with international aviation security standards, particularly those set forth in Annex 17 of the Chicago Convention.

1.2 The NCASP outlines the policies, procedures, and responsibilities of various stakeholders in the Philippine aviation sector to ensure the protection of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

1.3 The Revised Prohibited Items List provides updated guidance on items that are not permitted in secure areas of airports and onboard aircraft, taking into account technological advancements and emerging security threats.

### **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The Secretary of Transportation approved the 2024 Edition of the NCASP on May 7, 2024. This revision incorporates Amendments 17 and 18 of Annex 17 and addresses feedback from stakeholders to strengthen the national aviation security framework.

2.2 The Revised Prohibited Items List was developed following extensive consultations with various stakeholders, including aviation security experts, aircraft operators, and regulatory bodies. The list aims to harmonize the prohibited items regulations across the civil aviation sector and ensure consistency with international practices.

2.3 Significant changes in the NCASP:

2.3.1 Compliance with International Standards to ensure that Philippine aviation security practices are consistent with global standards

2.3.1.1 Adopted a provision in response to Standard 2.1.4 of Amendment 18 to Annex 17 which requires Contracting States to ensure appropriate protection of sensitive aviation security information. These are information that, if accessed by or disclosed to unauthorized persons, could create or be used to exploit a vulnerability or facilitate an act of unlawful interference against civil aviation.

2.3.1.2 Program administration section details the development, implementation, and maintenance of the NCASP.

2.3.2 Strengthened Security Measures

2.3.2.1 Prescribes the standard basic procedures governing classification and security of Security Sensitive Information (SSI).

2.3.2.2 Introduced and integrated the concept and requirement for security culture in the areas of aviation security organization and training.

2.3.2.3 The application of the principles of randomness and unpredictability for vehicle screening during normal security conditions.

2.3.2.4 Clear provision on the role and responsibility of the airport operator for landside

security.

2.3.2.5 New provisions on background check requirements for persons to be granted access into the security restricted areas.

2.3.2.6 Develop and implement a cybersecurity plan based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework.

2.3.3 Expanded Role of Stakeholders. The revised program emphasizes the collaborative role of all stakeholders in maintaining aviation security. This includes a more defined framework for coordination between the OTS, airport authorities, airline operators, and law enforcement agencies.

2.3.3.1 Submission of security programs or supplementary station procedures for aircraft operators.

2.3.3.2 Adjustments of the security programs based on risk assessment of aircraft and airport operators.

2.3.3.3 PNP-AVSEGROU to conduct routinely surveillance and patrol of all areas of the airport, to include security restricted areas; and Effect arrests and file appropriate cases against any person in violation of applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations committed within the airport.

2.4 Highlights of the Revised Prohibited Items List:

2.4.1 Updated Categories of Prohibited Items - The Revised Prohibited Items List categorizes prohibited items into those that are forbidden in both cabin and hold baggage, and those that may be allowed in hold baggage under specific conditions. The update reflects advancements in security screening technology and the latest threat assessments.

2.4.2 Inclusion of Emerging Threat - The list now includes items identified as emerging threats, such as advanced electronic devices and certain types of hazardous materials that were not previously listed.

2.4.3 Enhanced Public Awareness - to ensure compliance and public understanding, OTS will publish the revised prohibited items list in newspaper, OTS website and its other social media platforms.

2.5 Implementation of Compliance

2.5.1 The 2024 Edition of the NCASP will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders. All relevant stakeholders will be given a six (6) month period to adjust their security programs based on the new requirement set forth in the 2024 edition of the NCASP.

2.5.2 OTS will conduct an orientation to ensure these updates will be effectively implemented.

2.5.3 OTS will monitor the implementation through regular conduct of compliance monitoring activities such as inspections, audits, and tests. Non-compliance will be addressed through corrective actions, and if necessary, enforcement measures.

2.6 To conclude, the release of the 2024 NCASP and the Revised Prohibited Items List marks a significant step forward in strengthening aviation security in the Philippines. By aligning national policies with international standards and addressing emerging threats, the OTS aims to ensure the safety and security of civil aviation in the country.

2.7 The OTS remains committed to continuous improvement and collaboration with international partners to enhance aviation security measures in the Asia-Pacific Region.

**3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE**

3.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.

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