

Carriage of Ammunition

ICAO prior to January 1 2005 allowed the carriage of 5 Kg of ammunition (cartridges for weapons and small arms) in Division 1.4S by passengers as checked baggage for sporting purposes only. However, after this date the reasons for the use of the ammunition will not be limited to sporting purposes only.

The driving force behind this change is to allow Peace Keeping Forces and Police to have all their equipment including guns and ammunition with them when they are transported on chartered passenger aircraft. Flight crews are strongly recommended to check that the necessary overflight and landing permissions have been granted prior to their departure and they should also be aware that if they have to divert or make an unscheduled landing with armed Peacekeeping personnel on board, that the country in which they land may take hostile action including the arrest of the flight crew for illegal importation of arms with ammunition into the country. Flight crews, if they have a choice, should consider this issue when selecting a diversion airport.

Note: Dangerous Goods are defined into one or more of nine UN hazard classes. Some hazard classes are further subdivided into hazard divisions due to the wide scope of the class. For example Class 1 – Explosives, Division 1.4S – Articles and substances which present no significant hazard. Effect from accidental functioning is confined within the package.