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Dear Valued Customers,

Japan Airlines

Handling of Powerbank (Mobile Battery)

We thank you for your continued support to JAL CARGO.

Recently many cases of FIRE from “Powerbank” (Mobile Batteries) carried as passenger baggage at the airport or in the aircraft cabin were reported, and these products are being recognized among aviation industry as products which may pose a big threat to aviation safety.

Considering this situation, we would like to clarify our handling of “Powerbank” carried as cargo as below. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Please be noted that this notification is just the clarification of JAL handling, and NOT the amendment of ICAO/IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

1. JAL Handling of “Powerbank” as Cargo

“Powerbank” is not an operational electronic device, having strong characteristics as “battery,” the main purpose of which is to charge or supply power to another electronic device. For this reason, JAL classify this product as UN3480 Lithium ion batteries, and **JAL will prohibit carriage of “Powerbank” as cargo on all JAL flights.**

2. Date of effect

JAL will start to prohibit acceptance of “Powerbank” (Mobile Battery) as cargo, **effective from 1st June 2017, Thursday.**

3. Handling of UN3481 lithium ion batteries contained in equipment other than “Powerbank”

Upon booking of the shipment classified as “UN3481 Lithium ion batteries contained in equipment” under Packing Instruction 967, please confirm and let our reservation staff know that the shipment does not contain “Powerbank” (Mobile Battery). If this information is missing, there will be a risk that we will NOT able to forward the shipment by booked flight.

4. Others

- (1) UN3480 is NOT included in the list of dangerous goods which may be accepted in mail for air carriage, therefore “Powerbank” (Mobile Battery) cannot be accepted / transported by air mail.
- (2) Please see the attachment where we provide flowchart for the handling of lithium ion batteries that reflects the point stated in this notification.

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Attachment-1 : Lithium Ion or Lithium Polymer Cells and Batteries (UN3480, UN3481)

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