



SAFETY ALERT No. 17-04

United States Coast Guard Safety Alert 15-16: SAMSUNG Galaxy Note 7 smartphones

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Safety Alert was previously published as BMA Technical Alert 16-57.
- 1.2. A new Safety Alert has been issued by the United States Coast Guard (USCG).
- 1.3. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) wishes to bring the information referenced in Paragraph 1.1 to the attention of interested parties¹.

2. USCG Safety Alert 15-16

- 2.1. USCG Safety Alert 15-16, issued 14 October 2016 and updated on 18 October, is available for download from the USCG Homeport website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and a copy of the updated Safety Alert is attached to this Technical Alert for ease of reference.
- 2.2. The Safety Alert refers to the recent well-publicised cases of overheating of SAMSUNG Galaxy Note 7 smartphones and makes five recommendations where a Galaxy Note 7 is found on a ship.
- 2.3. The five recommendations made by the USCG are as follows:
 - i. Turn off the phone;
 - ii. Disconnect the phone from any charging equipment;
 - iii. Disable all applications that could inadvertently activate the phone such as the alarm clock;
 - iv. Protect the power switch to prevent it from being turned on;
 - v. Keep the device accessible under constant supervision.

¹ This Technical Alert is provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority with the aim of highlighting incidents, lessons learnt and to increase awareness, which may help avoid similar incidents occurring elsewhere. Any queries on the content of the information provided should be referred to the party providing the information.

- 2.4. The BMA endorses the above recommendations and encourages Companies operating Bahamian ships to take them into account.

3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

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