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MLIT relaxes rules on use of electronic devices on airplanes

Due to the possibility of causing an interference with the navigation or communication system of the aircraft, MLIT has restricted the use of portable electronic devices on airplanes, including cell phones for over a decade, by giving notice to the public in accordance with the Civil Aeronautics Act.

In response to the recent relaxation of such safety rule changes in Europe and the United States, MLIT has re-examined the restrictions in order to better serve passengers while ensuring safe navigation of aircraft, and determined to relax the safety rules, effective September 1, 2014.

Major Changes

1. The scope of electronic devices allowed on airplanes and time zone will be expanded depending on the aircraft types classified in accordance with tolerance to radio waves from portable electronic devices(※).

※ Please contact your airline for the specific electric devices allowed to use on board.

2. Passengers are allowed to use all types of electronic devices when an aircraft entered taxi-way (※) from the runway after landing.

※ For airports without taxi-ways, passengers are allowed to use such devices when an aircraft exited from the runway and moved to apron after landing.

(Appendices)

(1) Outline of the revised notification setting regulations for electronic devices.

(2) Outline of relaxation of restrictions on use of electronic devices (Type 1)

(3) The revised notification (effective, September 1, 2014).

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