



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 026-2025

FOR : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PROHIBITION OF HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN AIRPORT VICINITIES AND OPERATIONAL AREAS

DATE : 28 APRIL 2025

In the interest of aviation safety, and pursuant to the mandate of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) under Republic Act No. 9497 to ensure and promote safety in civil aviation, this Memorandum Circular shall apply to all individuals, organizations, and entities engaged in activities that may pose risks or hazards to aircraft operations.

PROHIBITED ACTS

To mitigate risks to aviation safety, the following activities are strictly prohibited.

1. Unauthorized aerial objects:

The flying of kites, balloons, and flying lanterns are strictly prohibited within a 12-kilometer radius from the Aerodrome Reference Point (ARP).

Unmanned aircraft (Drones) may be operated within the 10-kilometer radius from the Aerodrome Reference Point (ARP) only under the following conditions:

- a. A Special Permit is secured from the Authority;
- b. Each remote pilot is accompanied by an observer while the aircraft is in flight;
- c. The drone does not exceed an altitude of 120 meters Above Ground Level (AGL).

2. Raising of birds

Raising doves, pigeons, fowls, or any domesticated birds within 12-kilometer radius from the Aerodrome Reference Point (ARP) shall only be permitted if the birds are housed in secured cages to prevent accidental interference with aircraft operations.

3. Animal intrusions

Domesticated animals or livestock (e.g., swine, goats, cattle, water buffalos, poultry) are prohibited from entering, roaming, or grazing within airport premises or operational areas at any time.

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4. Unauthorized structures

Construction of permanent or temporary structures within two (2) meters of the airport perimeter fence is prohibited. This prohibition includes all forms of infrastructure, such as buildings, barriers, drainage systems, or wastewater outlets leading into airport premises.

5. Vegetation management

Sowing, tilling, or nurturing vegetation within two (2) meters of the airport perimeter fence is strictly prohibited to prevent safety and security risks that may obstruct or interfere with airport operations.

Trees near the aerodrome vicinity shall not exceed the height limits established under CAAP regulations.

6. Hazardous lighting and emissions

Operating high-intensity lights or emitting laser beams that could endanger an aircraft operation during any phase of flight is strictly prohibited.

7. Interference with communications

Operating radio communication devices or any medium that may interfere with air traffic control communications and navigational aids is strictly prohibited.

Failure to adhere to this Memorandum Circular shall subject the violator to appropriate administrative sanctions and penalties as prescribed under Republic Act No. 9497 and its implementing rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.


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