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Subject:

Baggage and Cargo Security

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Discussion:

Special care must be taken when placing baggage or cargo aboard an aircraft. Items must be examined for sharp edges, loose materials, improper seals, and other potential hazards. Once items are aboard, it is important that they are properly secured. An item becoming loose during flight could possibly jam a flight control or shift the center-of-gravity of the aircraft, causing the pilot to lose control of the aircraft.

Recommendation:

1. Use approved tie-downs and nets to secure items.
2. Stay within the aircraft manufacturer's baggage and cargo limitations.
3. Make sure all items are accounted for when off loading.

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