

INTRADPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: All Air Support Division Personnel


FROM: Commanding Officer, Air Support Division

SUBJECT: PROHIBITION OF NON-WATER DRINKS IN THE AIRCRAFT

Following discussions during the Air Support Division's Safety Committee meeting, it was determined there were two significant safety of flight incidents involving drinks containing sugar or other sweeteners being spilled in the aircraft and not being reported or properly cleaned up. In both cases, the liquids seeped into the control mechanisms of the cyclic and caused binding of the controls. As a result, the controls had to be disassembled and cleaned. In reviewing these incidents, it was determined that any drinks, other than water, pose a safety issue for causing corrosion or sticking of controls.

Effective immediately, only water in a spill-proof container will be allowed in the aircraft. Additionally, aircrew members are reminded to secure any drink container to prevent it from interfering with the operation of the controls. In the event of an accidental spill of any liquid inside an aircraft, a squawk sheet shall be completed so a mechanic may ensure the spill has been properly cleaned up and no controls have been impacted by the spilled liquids.

If you have any questions regarding this divisional order, please see me.


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