

EU regulations for taking liquids, aerosols and gels ("LAGs") on board flights from 31.01.2014

Since 2006, there have been restrictions on the amount of liquids, aerosols and gels ("LAGs") you can take on board in your hand luggage. The amended regulations came into force on 31.01.2014. They apply to all flights departing from airports in the European Union, regardless of the flight destination or the host country of the airline. The identical regulations are also being introduced in the USA, Canada and Australia at the same time.

Important questions and answers about LAG regulations

1. Which flights are affected by the amended regulations?

The new regulations apply to all departures from airports in the EU, the USA, Canada and Australia, regardless of the destination airport and the country of origin of the particular airline.

2. What were the original regulations?

Since 2006, passengers have only been able to carry liquids, aerosols or gels in their hand luggage in small quantities and in small, individual containers.

The liquids have to be in individual containers with a capacity of no more than 100 ml (according to the maximum quantity printed on the item) and all the individual containers have to be contained in a transparent, resealable plastic bag with a capacity of no more than 1 liter. Each person is only allowed to have one plastic bag.

3. What is included under "LAGs"?

Liquids, aerosols and gels include pastes, lotions, liquid mixtures containing solids and the contents of pressurized containers such as toothpaste, hair gel, drinks, soups, syrup, perfume, shaving foam and other items of a similar consistency.

4. Does the plastic bag have to meet certain conditions?

There is no predefined standard plastic bag. But a relevant 1-liter plastic bag must be transparent and have an integrated closure (e.g. zip, Velcro, grip seal or drawstring closure).

As airports are not obliged to provide passengers with plastic bags, it is advisable to get organized in advance. The easiest and cheapest option is to use freezer bags with a zip closure, as these can be found in most supermarkets.

5. Are exceptions made for medication or baby food?

Yes. LAGs to be used during the journey **and** which are needed for medical or special dietary purposes, including baby food, milk or juices for babies and infants who are traveling, are excluded from hand luggage restrictions. Passengers must also present these at the screening point separately from the rest of their hand luggage and must be able to prove that they are necessary (e.g. prescriptions, description of necessity, plausibility, etc.) when required to do so. But from 31.01.2014, these items have to be screened. Special equipment is provided for this purpose.

6. Which regulations apply to purchases made in Duty Free Shops or on board the aircraft?

From 31.01.2014, liquids, aerosols or gels bought as Duty Free items can pass through the screening points of EU airports even if they have been purchased at non-EU airports or on board an aircraft of a non-EU airline. They must be sealed in a Security Tamper-Evident Bag (STEB), together with adequate and visible proof that the purchase was made airside at an airport, or on board an aircraft.

All LAGs needed during the flight for medical purposes, or because of specific dietary requirements, including baby food, are also screened.

7. Will the amended regulations mean that we can expect longer waiting times at the airport?

When the original regulations were introduced at the end of 2006, waiting time increased at the security checkpoints. But initial trials and the experience gained at different airports have indicated that the changes will not mean a significant increase in waiting times. Also, the only passengers

affected are those boarding a connecting flight at an EU, U.S., Canadian or Australian airport.

Of course, the security staff involved will continue to make every effort to keep waiting times as short as possible. It is therefore vital to comply with these regulations and the instructions of the security staff, to ensure that the process runs smoothly for all travelers.

Once again, we recommend that you arrive at the check-in counter 2 hours before your scheduled departure time.

8. Are there any other security regulations to comply with at the airport?

In addition to the already mentioned regulations on taking LAGs on board, passengers are obliged to remove their coats, jackets or blazers at the security checkpoint and to take larger electronic devices such as notebooks out of their bags.

The size of the hand luggage you take on board is also restricted to max. 55 cm x 40 cm x 20 cm. The exceptions for musical instruments will remain in force.

The familiar regulations governing banned items in hand luggage and checked-in baggage remain in force.

Condor has no say in these legal obligations and asks passengers to take them into consideration when planning their journey, and to reduce their hand luggage to the bare necessities.