



## New EU Regulation for hand luggage as of 06.11.2006

The new regulation applies to all flights departing from airports in the EU, independently of the place of destination and the registered office of the airline. This includes all German inland and inner European flights.

### Questions and answers

#### 1. What does the new EU regulation 1546/2006 comprise?

The European Commission adopted this regulation to fill a gap in aviation security by restricting liquids that passenger can take through the security check and onto the aircraft.

#### 2. To which flights does the new regulation apply?

The new regulation applies to all flights departing from airports in the EU, regardless of their destination (also valid for flights within Europe) and the airline registration country.

#### 3. What does the new EU regulation say?

Passengers are permitted to take only limited quantities of liquids onto aircraft. The liquids have to be carried in individual containers not exceeding 100 ml in capacity (based on maximum capacity as printed on the container) and all of them contained in **one** transparent re-sealable plastic bag not exceeding 1 litre in capacity. The plastic bag must be presented separately at the security check and **one plastic bag per person** is allowed.

#### 4. What does "liquid" imply?

Liquids include gels, pastes, lotions, liquid/solid mixtures and the contents of pressurized containers, e.g. toothpaste, hair gel, drinks, soups, syrups, perfume, shaving foam, aerosols and other items of similar consistency.

**5. What kind of plastic bag has it to be?**

The regulation does not lay down a precise model that must be used. That would be gross over-regulation. Passengers can use the model of their choice, as long as it meets the regulation requirements. The bag must be transparent, re-sealable and of a capacity not exceeding 1 litre. One widely available type is the freezer bag, sold in most supermarkets.

**6. Are there any exemptions for medicines or special foods in liquid form?**

The new regulation allows some exemptions from the restriction for medicines and for dietary requirements in liquid form, for example baby food or food for people on special diets. Passengers are allowed to pass the security check with these liquids in the quantities that they need during their stay on board.

When requested, the passenger must provide proof of the imperative need to have the product on board. (e.g. prescription, the need to have such a product)

**7. What about purchases at Duty Free shops or on-board aircraft?**

Liquids obtained in the security restricted area of an EU-airport or on board an EU-airline can be taken past the security check if the liquid is packed in a bag that is both tamper-evident and displays satisfactory proof of purchase inside the restricted area, on that day.

**8. What about transfer passengers?**

If the first flight begins at an airport in the EU, passengers can only carry liquids which conform to the new regulations. Therefore, they are allowed to take liquids on board their second flight, so long as they are packed in a tamper-evident bag. (see question 7)

However, if the first flight originated in a third country that does not follow EU security rules, there is no guarantee that liquids have been controlled and are secure. Therefore, these passengers transferring from such flights at an EU airport will not be allowed to take them onto their second flight.

**9. Will the new rules cause delays for passengers at the airport?**

A consequence of the new rule is that a more detailed search for liquids in addition to other prohibited articles, such as guns and knives, has to be made. This could result in delays. Of course this will be kept to a minimum, however a "higher price" has to be paid for increased passenger security.

We strongly recommend, that you present yourself at the airport at least 2 hours before departure time. (Flights to USA, 3 hours)

#### **10. Are there any further security advices?**

Furthermore to the previously mentioned restrictions for hand luggage, passengers are also required to take off their jackets and coats and remove laptop computers and other large electrical items from the hand luggage before security screening.

Additionally, in 6 months (6<sup>th</sup> May 2007) the regulations will limit the size of hand luggage to a maximum of 55 cm x 40 cm x 20 cm, exemptions such as e.g. for musical instruments, cameras, etc., will still be possible.

Condor exerts no influence on these legal stipulations and asks passengers to bear them in mind already when preparing for a trip and to reduce the amount of cabin luggage to the bare minimum.