



New European Regulation for hand luggage Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs regarding the new European Regulation

1. What changes for hand luggage due to the new European Regulation?

According to the new European Regulation, liquid items are added to the list of prohibited items that passengers are not allowed to carry on board, unless special conditions are met. This means that passengers will be checked at security control points also for liquid items, as was the case to date with other prohibited items (sharp items etc.).

2. When does the implementation of the new security measures begin?

The implementation of the new EU security measures begins on 06.11.2006, as of 00:00.

At Athens International Airport, the implementation of the new EU measures will begin at 22:00 on 05.11.2006, in order to facilitate passengers that are transferring at another EU airport after midnight.

3. Are the new security measures going to be in effect at all airports in the European Union?

Yes. The new EU measures are also adopted in Switzerland, Norway and Iceland.

4. Do the new EU security measures apply for all Greek airports?

Absolutely. The new EU security measures apply for all airports in the European Union; consequently, they apply for all Greek airports.

5. Does this mean that all domestic flights passengers must comply with the measures?

Absolutely. The new European Regulation applies for all flights departing from any EU airport, irrespective of the destination or nationality of the carrier.

6. Which is the respective European Regulation?

European Regulation 1546/06 of the European Commission.

7. Do the same restrictions apply also for checked-in luggage?

No. Nothing changes for checked-in baggage. The new EU security measures are applicable only for hand luggage and not for the baggage handed to your airline upon check-in. This means that prohibited liquid items can be placed in your baggage.

However, please observe the following: Airlines often adopt their own special rules regarding the acceptance of liquids in checked-in baggage. For more information, kindly consult your airline.

FAQs regarding carrying on board liquid items

1. Which items/products are considered "liquid"?

Passengers should bear in mind that even simple, every day use products are considered "liquid items", such as:

Water, alcohol and beverages, gel, creams, glue, paste, lotions, perfume, shampoo, hair spray, mascara, lip gloss, tooth paste, deodorant (spray or roll-on), shaving foam, aerosols, contact lens solutions, honey, marmalade, olive oil etc.

Passengers must bear in mind that all the above products are not to be allowed on board in hand luggage, unless they are in very small quantities and under special conditions.

Products such as cosmetic powder, compact blusher, solid lipstick, hard cheese, talcum, etc. are not considered liquid and may be carried on board in hand luggage.

2. Does this mean that I will not be allowed to carry on board anything liquid in my hand luggage?

The new European Regulation restricts the quantities of liquid products you may carry on board but does not prohibit them completely.

You may carry on board:

in your hand luggage only small quantities of liquid products which you have brought with you to the airport or bought at the airport before Boarding Card Control, under the following conditions:

You will be allowed to carry on board individual containers with a capacity not greater than 100 ml each.

Total number of containers should fit in one transparent plastic bag of not more than one litre capacity.

Each passenger is entitled to carry ONLY ONE of these bags.

The bag must be re-sealable bag and it must be sealed when you reach security screening.

Liquids required for medical or dietary purposes and baby foods which are to be used during the trip. All liquid items bought from the airport shops after Boarding Card Control.

3. Does this mean that the new measures apply for any liquid item I have either brought with you to the airport or bought at the airport?

The new EU measures apply for all liquid items you have either brought from home/your hotel or bought at Athens International Airport before Boarding Card Control.

However, there is no restriction for your shopping after Boarding Card Control. You may carry on board all liquid items purchased after the Boarding Card Control, as you always have. Athens

International Airport shops will pack the purchased liquid items in tamper evident bags, as provided for by the new European Regulation.

BUT, KEEP IN MIND:

You must not open your tamper evident bag/s and you must keep the receipt/s proving that you purchased the item from the airport on the same day, until you reach the hand luggage screening point.

If you are transferring at (an)other EU airport/s, you should not open the special tamper evident bag/s and you should keep the purchase receipt/s until you reach your final destination.

4. Will I be allowed to carry on board baby milk/food?

Certainly. Baby food is not included in the prohibited items.

5. What about the medicine or dietary products I shall be needing during my trip?

Liquid medicine and dietary products that are necessary for your trip, are exempted from the new European Regulation. However, passengers should be aware that they may be called to prove the authenticity of the specific medicine upon security control.

6. Should the above items (medicine/dietary products/baby food) be also packed in the transparent plastic bag of 1-litre capacity?

No. These items do NOT have to be packed in the plastic bag provided by the European Regulation or counted in the limited quantities allowed. They are exempted from the Regulation. Such items must simply be presented to the security staff. You should be aware, however, that security staff may call you to prove the authenticity of such liquid products.

7. May I carry with me on board medicine in the form of pills or tablets?

Certainly.

8. I am a diabetic. May I carry with me on board insulin and needles?

Yes, provided that you present a doctor's prescription in your name.

9. I am an asthmatic. Can I take an inhaler?

Yes you can, but you will have to show a doctor's prescription in your name.

10. I also have a spray for sore throats. Is this allowed?

Yes, but you will have to show a doctor's prescription in your name.

11. Can I take my liquid homeopathic treatment on board?

Yes, if you have doctor's prescription. If not, you may be asked to prove the authenticity of the product upon security control.

12. Can I take milk powder to make up a bottle of milk on the plane?

Yes, you can ask your airline crew to provide water on the flight to make up the bottle. Milk bottles and other baby foodstuff are also allowed. You could be asked to taste these products at security checkpoints.

13. What happens with liquid products that will not be allowed at security controls either because they exceed 100 ml or because they do not fit in the plastic bag of 1-litre capacity?

Security staff is obliged to ask you to dispose of any liquid products that do not comply with the conditions of the new European Regulation. Such items will be sent for recycling as useless.

FAQs regarding the re-sealable bag of 1-litre capacity

1. Where can I find such a bag?

During the introductory period, transparent plastic bags will be provided to you free-of-charge by Athens International Airport. However, any plastic bag would be appropriate, provided it is transparent, of 1-litre capacity, and re-sealable.

2. When I reach the security control point, should I have taken the plastic bag with the limited quantities of liquids out of my hand luggage?

Yes. As you are approaching the security control point, you must have already taken your plastic bag out of your hand luggage, in order for the security staff to check it separately. This will facilitate the speed of checks, resulting in the better and faster service for you and your fellow-passengers.

3. What will happen if I have packed in my plastic re-sealable bag a container exceeding 100 ml or if I have with me a container which does not fit in the bag?

On the basis of the Regulation, security staff is obliged to ask you to dispose of this/these containers. If you still have the time to give it/them to someone who greeted you at the airport, you can do so. Otherwise, items not meeting the Regulation's requirements, will be sent for recycling as useless.

FAQs regarding purchases from airport stores

- 1. What happens with tax free shopping; Will I not be allowed to buy liquor, perfumes**
- 2. etc. at the airport?**

Of course you can do so. Nothing changes for your shopping after Boarding Card Control. You may carry on board all liquid items purchased after the Boarding Pass Checkpoint, as you always have. Athens International Airport shops will pack the purchased liquid items in tamper evident bags, as provided for by the new European Regulation.

BUT, KEEP IN MIND:

You must **not** open your tamper evident bag/s and you must keep the receipt/s proving that you purchased the item from the airport on the same day, until you reach the hand luggage screening point. If you are transferring at (an)other EU airport/s, you should not open the special tamper evident bag/s and you should keep the purchase receipt/s until you reach your final destination.

FAQs for passengers transferring at other airports?

- 1. I am a transfer passenger. Since I am continuing my trip via (an)other airport/s in the European Union, what should I be cautious of?**

If you are continuing your trip / transferring at other EU airports in the European Union, Switzerland, Norway or Iceland, you must **REMEMBER THAT**, if you have bought liquid products at airport stores after Boarding Card Control, you should not open the special tamper evident bag/s and you should keep the purchase receipt/s until you reach your final destination.

2. What will happen if I reach the security control point of Athens International Airport with liquid purchase from another airport, which are not packed in the tamper evident bag required by the European Regulation?

You should either dispose of such items, or place them in the plastic 1-litre bag (if they do not exceed 100 ml each and if they still fit in the one plastic re-sealable bag you may carry).

FAQs regarding other new security measures for hand luggage

Should I have taken off my coat/jacket etc. as I approach security control?

According to the Regulation, coats, jackets etc, will be screened separately. Passengers must be prepared, having taken off coats, jackets etc., facilitating the screening process for the better and faster service of all passengers.

2. What about laptops? May I carry them on board?

Absolutely. You should keep in mind, however, that laptops will have to be taken out of hand luggage in order to be screened separately.

While approaching the security control point, you should have taken your laptop out of your hand luggage, facilitating the screening process for the better and faster service of all passengers.

3. What about large electric or electronic devices? May I carry them on board?

Yes. However, as such items (small TV-set, radio, mixer, toaster, digital camera, CD-player, i – pod etc.) will be screened separately, you must present them separately to the security staff, facilitating the screening process for the better and faster service of all passengers.