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NOTICE FOR PASSENGERS
NEW SECURITY RULES AT AIRPORTS

A BRIEF GUIDE TO HELP YOU

To protect you against the new threat of liquid explosives, the European Union (EU) has adopted new security rules that restrict the amount of liquids that you can take through security checkpoints.

They apply to all passengers departing from airports in the EU whatever their destination.

This means that, at security checkpoints, you and your hand luggage must be checked for liquids in addition to other prohibited articles. *However, the new rules do not limit the liquids that you can buy at shops located beyond the point where you show your boarding pass or on-board an aircraft operated by an EU airline.*

The new rules apply in Gibraltar from Monday 27th November 2006 until further notice.

WHAT IS NEW?

While packing

You are only allowed to take small quantities of liquids in your hand luggage. These liquids must be in individual containers with a maximum capacity of 100 millilitres each. You must pack these containers in one transparent, re-sealable plastic bag of not more than one litre capacity *per passenger (approximate dimensions 21cm x 18cm).*

Liquids include:

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| ❖ Water and other drinks, soups, syrups | ❖ creams, lotions and oils |
| ❖ perfumes | ❖ sprays |
| ❖ gels, including hair and shower gels | ❖ contents of pressurised containers including shaving foam, other foams and deodorants |

- ❖ pastes, including toothpaste
 - ❖ mascara
 - ❖ liquid-solid mixtures
 - ❖ any other item of similar consistency
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At the airport

To help screeners **you must:**

- ❖ present *all liquids carried* to the screeners at security checkpoints for examination.
- ❖ take off your jacket and/or coat. They will be screened separately.
- ❖ remove laptop computers and other large electrical devices from your hand luggage. They will be screened separately.
- ❖ each passenger may have cabin baggage no greater than 56cm x 45cm x 25cm. The dimensions shall include all handles, straps, pockets, wheels and any other protruding items, including contents of the bag. (This is the 'standard' IATA bag). (Special arrangements can be made for transfer baggage if necessary).

WHAT DOES NOT CHANGE?

You can still:

- ❖ pack liquids in bags that you check-in – the rules only affect hand luggage.
- ❖ carry in your hand luggage medicines and dietary requirements, including baby foods, for use in the trip. *You may be asked for proof that they are required on the flight, and may have to taste them or test them on your skin.*

All these liquids are additional to the quantities in the re-sealable plastic bag mentioned above.

If you have any doubts, please ask your airline or travel agent in advance of travel.

Please be courteous and co-operative with airport security and airline staff.

Disclaimer: This document summaries for your information the main elements of the relevant EU legislation. Any legal action or claim should be based solely on the actual legal texts.

Government website: if you wish to refresh your memory about these regulations before you travel, this statement will be available on the Gibraltar Government website on www.gibraltar.gov.gi