



Regulatory Update

Government Issues Electronic Device Ban for Certain UK Inbound Flights

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Quick Facts

- The ban affects phones, laptops and tablets larger than 16 cm in length, 9.3 cm in width and 1.5 cm in depth.
- The ban affects flights originating from Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Tunisia.
- Employers should review their travel procedures to evaluate whether their employees are affected.
- Employers should alert affected employees so they can plan ahead.

The new measures were implemented to prevent possible terrorists from smuggling explosive devices in various consumer items.

On **21st March 2017**, the [Department of Transport](#) announced [additional security measures](#) for air travel into the United Kingdom. These measures prohibit carrying phones, laptops and tablets larger than **16 cm** in length, **9.3 cm** in width and **1.5 cm** in depth into aircraft cabins on UK inbound flights that originate from certain countries.

The ban applies to all affected phones, laptops and tablets, including items that were purchased in duty free.

Affected Countries of Origin

The ban affects only flights from the following countries:

- Turkey;
- Lebanon;
- Egypt;
- Saudi Arabia;
- Jordan; and
- Tunisia.

The Electronic Device Ban

The Department of Transport explained that the measures were issued to prevent possible terrorists from smuggling explosive

devices in various consumer items. For this reason, the ban on electronic devices will remain in force until the Department of Transport believes the threat has subsided.

The ban requires affected passengers to place affected electronic devices in their hold luggage. This means that affected passengers will not be able to carry affected devices with them into the cabin or simply store them in their hand luggage.

The new measures apply to all passengers travelling through and from the locations mentioned above, regardless of trusted traveller status. The new measures do not affect UK outbound or domestic flights.

More Information

Please visit the Department of Transport [website](#) for more information regarding the new measures.



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