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EU Baggage Restrictions

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The European Commission has implemented new rules limiting the type of liquids which may be carried through security checkpoints and on board flights. With these new rules you may be facing longer queues in airports and we therefore recommend early arrival at the airport. The new rules will be in effect from 6th November 2006.

The following may be carried through airport security checkpoints and on board flights:

- Liquids*, gels and aerosols with a volume of 100 ml. or less (max. 1 dl. per container)
- Medication, baby formula and liquids which are required during the flight (security staff may ask for proof of authenticity)
- Beverages and perfume purchased in the airport after passing through security control
- Other containers (bottles, tins, tubes, etc.) placed in one sealed, transparent 1 litre plastic bag which can be easily re-sealed. During the introductory period plastic bags will be available at the CWT airport office.

These rules apply for all passengers departing from or catching connecting flights at airports within the European Union as well as Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Switzerland. The security level will thus be the same throughout the EU. These rules apply only for carry on luggage, not checked in baggage.

Four recommendations to avoid long waits in the airport:

1. Pack everything but the bare necessities in your check-in luggage
2. Have the plastic bag with liquids ready for separate inspection at security control
3. Have your laptop and other electronic items ready for separate inspection
4. Present your coat and jacket separately for security control

* Liquids include water and other beverages, soups, perfume and the contents of aerosols. This includes toothpaste, shaving cream, hair gel, lip gloss, lotions and facial creams.