

Important Message

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Following the Government's reduction in security levels from critical to severe, passengers are reminded that strict security remains in place at all UK airports. This easing of restrictions is **not** a return to normal.

The revised regulations will continue to have an impact on our airport operations. All passengers will be subject to hand baggage restrictions. Passengers are asked to be patient while these additional security measures are in place. Delays are likely, and anyone travelling over the next few days is asked to allow extra time for their journey and to arrive at the airport prepared.

Hand baggage restrictions

In brief, passengers are now permitted to carry ONE item of cabin baggage through the airport security search point. The cabin bag should be no bigger than 45cm wide x 35cm long x 16cm deep (17.7" wide x 13.7" long x 6.2" deep), including wheels, handles, side pockets - equivalent to a small laptop bag or rucksack.

The restrictions on contents allowed in cabin baggage have now been relaxed and the items prohibited from cabin baggage are now as follows: Any cosmetics, any toiletries, including toothpaste, hair gel, lotions, perfume, deodorant, shaving foam, aerosols, etc, any liquids, any drinks and any sharp objects.

Further passenger information

Before security: all shops and catering outlets are open to all passengers. Hand baggage is now allowed BUT any liquids and gels must be packed into your luggage for check-in. Any other purchases must fit into your hand luggage.

Once through security: all shops and catering outlets are open to all passengers. If you are travelling to any destination except the USA then you can take all items purchased in the departures lounge into the aircraft cabin. All passengers boarding flights to the USA are not permitted to take any liquid or gel items into the aircraft cabin. For further details on the new cabin bag requirements, additional restrictions for passengers travelling to the USA and the latest status of each airport, please select the relevant airport below, where more detailed information will be posted throughout the day:

[Heathrow Airport](#)

[Gatwick Airport](#)

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BAA Airports would like to thank passengers for their co-operation. We are working with our airline partners to minimise any disruption and aim to ensure that passengers pass swiftly and safely through our airports.