

REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

**Ministry of Interior and Territorial Planning
Ministry of Defence
Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry
Ministry of Transport, Equipment, Tourism and the Sea**

**Decision no. 06-1609 of 2 November 2006 concerning prohibited articles
and products with restricted and limited access on board aircraft cabins**

Considering regulation no. 2320/2002 (EC) of the European parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation security;
Considering regulation no. 622/2003 (EC) of the Commission of 4 April 2003 laying down measures for the implementation of the common basic standards in aviation security amended;
Considering regulation no. 1138/2004 (EC) of the Commission of 21 June 2004 establishing a common definition of critical parts of security restricted areas at airports;
Considering the civil aviation code, specifically its articles L.213-3 II, L.282-8 and R.213-1;
Considering the decree of 12 November 2003 amended concerning the security measures of air transport,
The Minister of State, minister of the interior and territorial planning, the minister of defence, the minister of the economy, finance and industry, and the minister of transport, equipment, tourism and the sea,

Decide:

Article 1. In application of article 7 of the decree of 12 November 2003, airport operators, air transport companies, companies or organisations operating for their own account and the legal entities authorised to occupy or use the restricted area shall implement the provisions of this decision.

Article 2. The following are prohibited on passengers, in carry-on baggage and in the goods and products delivered in the restricted area to be taken on board aircrafts and accessible to passengers:

- a) firearms: arms as defined by decree no. 95-859 of 6 May 1995 which sets the regime of warfare equipment, weapons and ammunitions, and any weapon that can be shot as a projectile under the effect of an explosion or propelled by air or compressed gas, including starter pistols and rocket launch pistols;
- b) knives and sharp instruments; weapons as defined by the aforesaid decree no. 95-589 of 6 May 1995, sabres, swords, cutters, hunting knives, souvenir knives, utensils for martial arts, trade tools and other knives with a blade equal or greater than 6 cm;
- c) blunt instruments: truncheons, clubs, baseball bats or similar instruments;

- d) explosives, ammunitions, inflammable liquids and corrosive products;
 - any explosive or inflammable substance which, alone or in combination with other articles may cause an explosion or a fire, including explosive substances, detonators, pyrotechnic articles, gasoline, other inflammable liquids, ammunitions or any combination of these articles;
 - any corrosive or toxic substance; including gases, compressed or otherwise;
- e) neutralising or incapacitating articles: tear gas, incapacitators and other chemical products or similar gas contained in a gun, metallic spray or any other container, and other neutralising articles such as electronic instruments with a paralysing or neutralising effect through electric shocks;
- f) other articles such as ice picks, alpenstocks, hand razors, sharp scissors;
- g) any kind of article that can reasonably pass for a mortal weapon, such as fake weapons or grenades;
- h) chemical and biological articles and substances that can be used in attacks including specifically mustard gas, vx, chlorine, sarin, hydrogen cyanide, anthrax, botulism, small pox, tularaemia, viral hemorrhagic fever (vhf);

an indicative list of the foregoing is attached to this decision.

Article 3. Notwithstanding the application of the regulation on the air transport of hazardous substances, the following are prohibited in the baggage hold, in consignments and in the goods and products delivered in a restricted area to be loaded on board aircrafts and not accessible to passengers:

- a) explosives, ammunitions, inflammable liquids and corrosive substances;
 - any explosive or inflammable substance which, alone or in combination with other articles may cause an explosion or a fire, including explosive substances, detonators, pyrotechnic articles, gasoline, other inflammable liquids, ammunitions or any combination of these articles;
 - any corrosive or toxic substance; including gases, compressed or otherwise;
 - neutralising or incapacitating articles: tear gas, incapacitators and other chemical products or similar gas contained in a gun, metallic spray or any other container, and other neutralising articles such as electronic instruments with a paralysing or neutralising effect through electric shocks;

an indicative list of the foregoing is attached to this decision.

Article 4: The articles mentioned in article 2 above except for tools and supplies required for carrying out essential tasks for the operation of the airport facilities or providing in-flight service are prohibited on persons other than the passengers and in the vehicles which have access to the restricted area.

Article 5: Liquids carried by passengers shall be restricted for access to the critical parts of the restricted area and their carriage on board the aircraft.

Under the present decision, in addition to actual liquids, gels, pasty substances, lotions, liquid/solid mixtures, the content of pressurised aerosols, such as toothpaste, hair gel, beverages, soups, syrups, perfumes, shaving lotions, sprays and products with other comparable consistency shall be considered as liquids.

Only the following are allowed in carry-on baggage:

- a) liquids contained in recipients with a capacity no greater than 100 millilitres. The containers must be placed in one clear, food storage type bag per passenger, with a maximum capacity of one litre. For example, this corresponds to a non-extensible bag, with a maximum size of 20 x 20 cm;
- b) liquids to be used during the journey and necessary for medical reasons or for a special dietary requirement, such as baby food. If necessary, the passenger must be capable of providing proof of the authenticity of the exempted liquid;
- c) liquids bought in shops which apply approved security procedures and located in the airport areas;
- d) liquids bought on board an aircraft of a European community carrier or at a European community airport that meets the special terms outlined in article 6.

Liquids exempted under article 5 must be presented at the security checkpoint separately from the carry-on baggage.

Article 6. Purchases of liquids described in d) of article 5 above, made on board an aircraft of a European community carrier by a passenger who has to take a connecting flight must be placed by the carrier in a sealed transparent bag, together with a form that can be read by a security agent, stating the name of the airline, the date and time of the purchases, their detailed list, the flight number, the destination and name of the passenger.

Liquids described in d) of article 5 above presented to the security checkpoint in an intact sealed transparent bag, accompanied by a form that can be read by a security agent, stating the names of the shop and the airport, the date and time of the purchases, their detailed list, the flight number, the destination and the name of the passenger are authorised.

In the event of doubt, the security agent is authorised to open the bag to check the content, under the conditions set out in article L.282-8. When the passenger has to take a second connecting flight, a procedure exists whereby the operator replaces the purchases in a new sealed bag, while indicating the checks carried out.

Article 7. The provisions of the present decision shall apply as of 6 November 2006.

Drawn up in Paris on: 2 Nov. 2006

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Minister of Defence
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Minister of the economy, finance and industry
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Annex: List of articles prohibited on passengers, in carry-on baggage and in the goods and products delivered in the restricted area to be taken on board aircrafts and accessible to passengers.

a) Firearms

Any object capable or apparently capable of releasing a projectile or causing injuries, such as:

- any kind of firearm (pistols, revolvers, rifle, guns, etc.)
- dummies and replicas of firearms
- parts of firearms (with the exception of aiming devices and telescopic lenses)
- compressed air pistols and lead rifles
- rocket-launch pistols
- starter pistols
- any kind of toy pistol and rifle
- cylinder pistols and rifles
- industrial single-shot breech-loader pistols and rifles
- crossbows
- slingshots
- harpoons and spear guns
- slaughter guns
- incapacitating and neutralising devices such as electric prods, electric discharge projectiles (Taser)
- firearm-shaped lighter

b) Knives and cutting instruments

Sharp objects or objects with a blade capable of wounding, such as:

- axes and hatchets
- arrows and darts
- spikes
- harpoons and spears
- pistols and ice picks
- ice skates
- lockable knives or switchblades, regardless of the blade length
- knives, including ceremonial knives, with a blade greater than 6 cm, in wood or any other material sufficiently solid for the knife to be used as a weapon.
- cleavers
- machetes
- naked razor blade or naked blades (except for safety razors or disposable razors and blades in cartridges)
- sabres, swords and cane swords
- scalpels
- scissors with blades longer than 6 cm
- ski and walking/hiking sticks
- throwing stars (shuriken)
- trade tools that can be used as sharp or cutting weapons, such as drills and power drills, cutters, multiple-blade knives, any kind of saw, screwdrivers, crowbars, hammers, sharp tweezers, wrenches and spanners, blow torches.

c) Blunt instruments

Any blunt instrument capable of wounding, such as:

- baseball and softball bats
- truncheons and clubs – rigid or soft - such as cudgels, clubs, sticks and truncheons
- cricket bats
- hockey sticks
- lacrosse bats
- kayak and canoe paddles
- roller skate boards
- billiard, snooker and pool cues
- fishing canes
- martial art equipment such as brass knuckles, clubs, truncheons, flails, nunchakus, kubatons and kubasaunts

d) Explosives, ammunitions, inflammable liquids and corrosive products

Any explosive or highly inflammable substance representing a risk to the health of passengers and the crew or the safety/security of the aircraft or goods, such as:

- ammunitions
- primers
- detonators and detonating cords
- explosives and explosive devices
- copies or replications of explosive substances or devices
- mines and other military explosives
- all types of grenades
- large volumes of gas and gas cylinders (such as butane, acetylene, oxygen)
- fireworks, rockets of all kinds and other pyrotechnic articles (including poppers and toy caps)
- matches other than security matches
- smoke bombs or cartridges
- inflammable liquid fuels, such as gasoline, diesel fuel, lighters alcohol, ethanol
- spray paints
- turpentine and paint solvents
- alcoholic beverages with more than 70% alcohol content ("140% proof")

e) Neutralising or incapacitating articles

Any chemical or toxic substance representing a threat to the health of passengers and the crew or to the safety/security of the aircraft or goods, such as:

- acids and alkaloids, for example small and large electrolyte batteries that may leak corrosive substances and bleaching products, such as mercury and chlorine
- sprays of neutralising or incapacitating substances such as Mace sprays, pepper sprays and tear gas sprays
- radioactive substances, such as medical or commercial isotopes
- poisons
- infectious or biological hazardous substances, i.e., infected blood, bacteria and viruses
- substances with a risk of spontaneous inflammation or combustion
- fire extinguishers

Annex 2: List of articles prohibited in checked baggage and in the products and goods delivered in the restricted area for loading on board aircrafts and non accessible to passengers, notwithstanding the application of the regulation on the air transport of hazardous substances

This list does not apply to consignment.

- a) Explosives
Including detonators, primers, grenades, mines and explosives
- b) Gas
Propane, butane
- c) Inflammable liquids
Including gasoline and methanol
- d) Inflammable solids and reactive substances
including magnesium, fire lighters, fireworks, flares
- e) Oxidizers and organic peroxide
including bleach, bodyworks repair kits
- f) Toxic or infectious substances
including rat poison, infected blood
- g) Radioactive substances
such as medical or commercial isotopes
- h) Corrosive substances
such as mercury, car batteries
- i) Components of vehicle power systems that used to contain fuel