

***From late 2005, all your bags will be screened every time you leave New Zealand.***

New Zealand is complying with International Civil Aviation Organisation standards that state outbound international flights must have all passenger baggage - not just carry-on baggage - screened for explosives and other dangerous devices. The new rules are aimed at ensuring air travel is safe from terrorist threat.

You probably won't notice any difference as a result of these changes because at most airports the screening will occur behind the scenes using hi-tech x-ray equipment and explosive detector dogs.

Where you may notice a difference is when you have your cabin baggage screened when you go through security. That's because on 1 October 2005, in a separate change, the restrictions on what you can carry in your hand baggage were relaxed slightly, so that it is now possible to carry onto the aircraft items like small pocket knives.

***This brochure outlines both these changes and provides some guidelines for safe travel.***

## ***Where to go for further information***

If you are not sure whether you are allowed to carry something on an aircraft, please always check first.

Further information is available from:

- ***Your travel agent***
- ***Your airline***
- ***Avsec: [www.avsec.govt.nz](http://www.avsec.govt.nz)***
- ***CAA: [www.caa.govt.nz](http://www.caa.govt.nz)***

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# Changes to security screening of baggage

***INFORMATION FOR AIR PASSENGERS***

# Checklist

*for safe and smooth travel*

- 1 *Pack your bags yourself.*
- 2 *Be careful not to pack any prohibited items such as inflammable liquids.*
- 3 *If in doubt, leave it out – or check with Avsec or your airline before you pack.*
- 4 *Know what sharp items are allowed in your carry-on baggage both in New Zealand and in other countries – rules vary.*
- 5 *If you forget, and try to take prohibited items on board, be prepared to be stopped and to give up the items.*
- 6 *If this happens, please remember that Avsec officers are just doing their job to make your travel as safe as possible.*
- 7 *Remember to go through security well in advance of your flight – especially at busy times of the day or the year.*

## At a glance

### *Hold baggage screening changes*

**ALL YOUR BAGS WILL BE SCREENED EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE NEW ZEALAND BY AIR. THIS IS REFERRED TO AS ‘100% HOLD BAGGAGE SCREENING’.**

Countries around the world will have 100% hold baggage screening in place by 1 January 2006, the deadline set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). The changes are aimed at ensuring air travel is safe from terrorist threat.

You probably won't notice any difference when you check in because at most airports the screening will occur behind the scenes using hi-tech x-ray equipment and explosive detector dogs.

In the unlikely event that your checked bags contain items which need to be examined, you will be paged and the bags will be opened and examined in your presence. It is therefore advisable that you remain in the airport building and go through security early.

**IF YOUR BAGS DO CONTAIN ANY PROHIBITED ITEMS YOU COULD:**

- HAVE THE ITEMS CONFISCATED
- MISS YOUR FLIGHT (IF YOUR BAGS CANNOT BE CLEARED BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME)
- FACE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, DEPENDING ON THE ITEMS FOUND.

Hold baggage screening does not harm laptops or other electronic equipment. It is also safe for two screenings of photographic film up to 1600asa (most film is 400asa or under).

These security improvements have cost millions of dollars to introduce and operate and are paid for by a small increase in the government security charge on airlines and by airports.

### *Changes to what you can take into the cabin of the aircraft*

**FROM 1 OCTOBER 2005 THE RESTRICTIONS ON SHARP OBJECTS YOU CAN CARRY ON TO AN AIRCRAFT WERE RELAXED SLIGHTLY.**

- You are now able to carry on board knitting needles, corkscrews and small pocket knives, scissors and nail files with blades of up to 6cm in length.
- The restrictions were eased in line with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) guidelines.
- Enhanced aviation security measures have contributed to the relaxation of rules. Cockpit doors have been strengthened and entry to the flight deck has been restricted. Crew security training has improved and passengers are now more aware of the risks.
- Most other countries, including the European Union, have also eased their restrictions. However, some countries, notably Australia and the United States, have retained tougher rules. This means you might be able to take an object out of New Zealand, but it could be confiscated as you pass through security checks in other countries with different rules.
- **For international travellers the safe approach is to place all sharp objects in your checked baggage.**