



National Tourism Alliance

New Security Requirements for International Air Travel

New security screening standards are to be introduced at Australian international airports on 31 March 2007.

These standards will limit the volume of liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) permitted to be carried through screening points to containers no greater than 100 ml and to limit the number of containers to those capable of comfortably being held in a one (1) litre transparent re-sealable plastic bag (similar to a snap-lock sandwich bag). Only one bag per passenger will be permitted to pass the security checkpoint.

These standards are being introduced internationally as a consequence of proposals agreed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

Materials provided for information include:

- Media Releases by Mark Vaile, Minister for Transport and Regional Services, 7 March 2007-03-07;
- Text material issued by DOTARS;
- Posters and flyers issued by DOTARS;
- Poster and flyer issued by the Nuance Group advising of continued access to duty free LAGs after security screening points at international airports.

In relation to off-airport duty free goods (LAGs) purchased under the "sealed bag" arrangements, a proposal put forward by Government Agencies for such goods to be packed into hold luggage after retrieval of the docket, but prior to the security screening point, at the departure airport is currently being evaluated.

In relation to LAGs purchased under the Tourist Refund Scheme, the Australian Customs Service is currently considering revised export verification processes. Customs is expected to publicly announce new arrangements when they are resolved.