

TSA to Implement New Restrictions on Powders in Carry-On Bags

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On June 30, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will implement new requirements regarding powders in carry-on bags for international flights to the United States. Here are five things you need to know regarding this new policy:

- Because of new TSA requirements, American Airlines encourages customers to place powder-like substances over 12 oz./350 mL — approximately the size of a standard U.S. can of soda — in their checked bags. Powders in carry-on bags may require secondary screening, and if the powder cannot be cleared by security officials, it will be prohibited from the cabin of the aircraft.
- Powder-like substances are described as fine dry particles produced by the grinding, crushing or disintegration of a solid substance (i.e. flour, sugar, ground coffee, spices, powdered milk and cosmetics). Aviation security authorities outside the United States will use their discretion and training to determine what is considered a powder-like substance.
- To reduce the chance that aviation security authorities will require the disposal of powder-like substances over 12 oz./350 mL at the checkpoint and/or gate, American recommends that customers place these items in their checked bags.
- Certain powders will be exempt from secondary screening, including baby formula, medically necessary powders and human remains.
- This policy does not apply to flights departing from the United States or United States territories, as the TSA has already implemented enhanced procedures at their security checkpoints.

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