



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

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TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REVISED PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST

I. In the course of evolving levels of threat affecting transportation security in the international and domestic level, this Office has revised its policy guidelines relative to prohibited items issued on June 30 2015.

II. Pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order 277, approving and adopting the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP) incorporating in itself all other general principles of international aviation pertaining to security of civil aviation and transportation, hereby adopts and promulgate the following revised guidelines on prohibited items on board the aircraft.

List of Prohibited Items According to each Category

This chart applies to flight originating within the Philippines

A. GUNS, FIREARMS AND OTHER DEVICES THAT DISCHARGE PROJECTILES			
Items	Carry-on/Cabin Baggage	Checked-In/Hold Baggage	Remarks
Air gun	No	No	All forms of firearms and guns must be endorsed to the appropriate Law Enforcement Officer (Presidential Decree No. 1866)
Ammunition Shells/Bullets and other component	No	No	
Bolt gun	No	No	
Component of Guns and Firearm	No	No	
Compressed air gun	No	No	
Firearms	No	No	
Flare gun	No	No	
Harpoon gun	No	No	
Nail gun	No	No	
Pellet Guns	No	No	
Pistol	No	No	
Projectile-capable devices (Slingshot, Bow and Arrow, Crossbows)	No	Yes	
Replicas and imitation firearms	No	No	
Revolver	No	No	

Rifle	No	No	
Shotgun	No	No	
Spear gun	No	No	
Sport-related firearm	No	No	
B. STUNNING DEVICES			
Acid Spray	No	Yes	
Insect/Animal Repellant Spray	No	Yes	
Mace/Pepper spray	No	Yes	
Stun gun (all kinds)	No	Yes	
Tear gas	No	No	
C. OBJECTS WITH SHARP POINTS AND EDGES (All objects with sharp points and edges are not allowed in cabin; Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers.)			
Axe	No	Yes	
Bayonet	No	Yes	
Bolos	No	Yes	
Box Cutter	No	Yes	
Butterfly knife (Balisong)	No	Yes	
Canned products (with easy open lids)	No	Yes	
Cleaver	No	Yes	
Cock Fighting Knives and Blades (Tare)	No	Yes	
Cork screw	No	Yes	
Disguised objects with sharp edges	No	Yes	
Diving knife	No	Yes	
Hatchet	No	Yes	
Ice Axes	No	Yes	
Ice picks	No	Yes	
Knives	No	Yes	
Letter openers	No	Yes	
Medical Scalpel	No	Yes	
Nipper/pusher/Nail file/Nail Cutter (with knife)	No	Yes	
Open razors/razors blades	No	Yes	
Pocket comb weapon	No	Yes	
Pocket folded knife	No	Yes	
Sabers	No	Yes	
Scissors	No	Yes	
Sword	No	Yes	
D. WORKERS' TOOLS			
Crowbars	No	Yes	

Drills/drill bits (including portable power grills)	No	Yes	
Extension Cords	No	Yes	
G. I. wires (Alambre)	No	Yes	
Hammers	No	Yes	
Nails	No	Yes	
Pliers	No	Yes	
Retractable Tape Measure (Metal)	No	Yes	
Saws (including cordless portable power saws)	No	Yes	
Screwdrivers	No	Yes	
Tapes (Duct Tape, Packaging Tape, Masking Tape, etc)	No	Yes	
Wrenches	No	Yes	
E. BLUNT INSTRUMENTS			
All metal chains	No	Yes	
Baton Sticks	No	Yes	
Billiard sticks	No	Yes	
Boat Paddles	No	Yes	
Bowling/Billiard Balls	No	Yes	
Cane Umbrella	No	Yes	
Clubs/Sticks/Bats/Rods	No	Yes	
Cricket Paddle	No	Yes	
Crutches/Walking sticks or aids	Yes	Yes	Allowed into the cabin of an aircraft if carried/ used by an elderly, or a person with reduced mobility, or a person with a visible need of such mobility aid. Such items shall be electronically screened and/ or physically inspected for anomalies
Dumbbells/ Hand weight	No	Yes	
Fishing Hooks (Large)	No	Yes	
Fishing rods	No	Yes	
Grindstone Knives (Panghasa)	No	Yes	
Ice skates/ Skateboard	No	Yes	
Kayak/canoe paddles	No	Yes	
Knuckles (brass/metal)	No	Yes	
Lacrosse Sticks	No	Yes	
Paintball equipment	No	Yes	

Scuba Diving Equipment	No	Yes	
Ski Poles/hiking poles	No	Yes	
Tennis/Badminton/Squash rackets	No	Yes	
Tripod (Large)	No	Yes	

F. EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY SUBSTANCES AND DEVICES

Blasting Cap	No	No	
Detonator and Fuse	No	No	
Grenade	No	No	
Dynamite	No	No	
Flares (in any form)	No	No	
Plastic Explosive	No	No	
Pyrotechnics including fireworks	No	No	
Ammunition	No	No	
Smoke-generating canisters or cartridges	No	No	
Mines and other explosive military store	No	No	
Replica or imitation explosive devices	No	No	
Fuels (including cooking fuel and any flammable liquid fuel)	No	No	
Matches	No	No	
Lighters (Disposable) absorbed fluid	No	No	
Lighter Fluids/refills	No	No	
Disguised lighters	No	No	
Gasoline/kerosene/petrol	No	No	

G. LIQUID, AEROSOLS AND GELS (LAGs) in individual containers with a capacity not greater than 100 milliliters (or equivalent) and contained in one transparent re-sealable plastic bag of a capacity not exceeding one (1) Liter (or equivalent) shall be allowed in the cabin. Only one (1) transparent 20cm x 20cm re-sealable plastic bag shall be allowed for each passenger. The contents of the plastic bag shall fit comfortably and the bag shall be completely closed. Exceptions should be made for medications, baby milk/food and special dietary requirement. All types of LAGs regardless of volume when labeled as flammable (*highly combustible & self-igniting by chemical reaction*), corrosive or toxic is not allowed in the cabin or in the hold (R.A. 6235).

The following guidance is provided to ensure the health of and welfare of certain air travelers, the following items are permitted (www.tsa.gov)

- Baby formula and breast milk if a baby or small child is travelling;
- All prescription and over-the-counter medications (Liquids, Gels and Aerosol) including KY jelly, eye drops, saline solutions for medical purposes;
- Liquids including water, juice, or liquid nutrition or gels for passenger with a

disability or medical condition;

- Life-support and life-sustaining liquids such as bone marrow, blood products, and transplant organs;
- Items used to augment the body and for medical and cosmetics reasons such as mastectomy products, prosthetics breast, bras or shells containing gels, saline solution, or other liquids; and
- Gels or frozen liquids needed to cool disability or medical related items used by persons with disabilities or medical conditions.

Note: if the medically necessary items exceed 100ml or not contained in a 20 x 20cm re-sealable bag, this must be declared to one of our Security Officer at the checkpoint for further inspection.

Medicines/ Medical equipment

Essentials medicines shall be carried in containers not more than 100 ml and prescribed transparent re-sealable bag. The proof of prescription or a statement that passenger needs the medicine from doctor or medical professional should be carried along with medicines.

Essential prescribed medicines including angina sprays	If more than 100ml or medicines and liquid together exceed the capacity of the prescribed transparent re-sealable bag, refer to airport medical officer or proof of prescription or statement from doctor or medical professional is need.
Homeopathic medication	-do-
Essential non-prescribed medicines	-do-
Children's medicines	-do-
Essentials medical equipment	Prior approval of the airline in needed, unless it fits with one item of Hand Baggage
Over the counter medicines	May be exempted if do not exceed size of 100ml and has been tested by passenger.

III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Construction** – The provisions herein shall be liberally construed in order to promote civil aviation security objectives.
- B. Reservation** – Nothing herein shall be construed as precluding OTS, through its Administrator, from implementing the provisions enunciated herein and in prescribing other requirements to meet the constantly evolving challenges in civil aviation security.
- C. Amendments** – Nothing in this circular shall restrict the authority of OTS, through its Administrator, to modify, amend or repeal any provision of the circular through subsequent issuances.

- D. Repeal** – All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts hereof, which are inconsistent with this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- E. Separability** – if any provision or section of these rules is declared null and void by competent authority, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.
- F. Effectivity** – This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or newspaper of general circulation. A copy of this Circular shall be deposited with the University of the Philippines.


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