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## Aviation Group Client Update

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BANS SOME PORTABLE ELECTRONICS FROM CERTAIN FLIGHTS TO THE U.S.

On March 21, 2017, DHS <u>announced changes</u> to allowable electronic carry-on equipment on commercial flights to the U.S. departing from 10 airports.

All electronic devices larger than a cell phone, except necessary medical devices, will not be allowed onboard the aircraft and will be required to be checked in with any checked luggage. The affected electronic devices include: laptops, tablets, e-readers, cameras, portable DVD players, electronic games larger than a cell phone, and travel printers/scanners.

The 10 affected airports are: Queen Alia International Airport (AMM) in Jordan, Cairo International Airport (CAI), Ataturk International Airport (IST) in Istanbul, Turkey, King Abdul-Aziz International Airport (JED) & King Khalid International Airport (RUH) both in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait International Airport (KWI), Mohammed V Airport (CMN) in Morocco, Hamad International Airport (DOH) in Qatar, Dubai International Airport (DXB), and Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH) in United Arab Emirates (UAE).

DHS states that the ban is not in response to any specific terrorist threats or plots against commercial flights, but rather, DHS's continued effort to ensure the highest levels of aviation security and mitigate further attempts against the overseas aviation industry. These enhancements will have no impact on domestic flights in the United States or flights departing the United States.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Shelley Ewalt.

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