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New security measures for US-bound passengers carrying POWDER-LIKE substances

The United States' Transport Security Administration (TSA) advised that, as of 30 June 2018, new security measures will apply to US-bound passengers carrying powder-like substances in quantities of 12 ounces / 350g and over.

These products in quantities of 12 ounces / 350g and over, which include flour, sugar, ground coffee, spices, powdered milk (such as, baby formula), and cosmetics will not be allowed in the cabin of the aircraft and may be subject to confiscation at the boarding gate.

However, no restrictions will apply on such products bought in duty-free and travel retail, provided they are packed in a properly sealed STEB (Sealed Tampered Evident Bag) with accompanying proof of purchase.

Commenting on the measure, DFWC President Frank O'Connell declared: "I am pleased that TSA will allow for the use of STEBs for powders in addition to LAGs which may be allowed through the checkpoint and transported in the cabin of an aircraft. This will enable retailers to continue operating smoothly and should ensure the satisfaction of our customers".

DFWC has issued recommendations to support retailers with the implementation of the new measures, which are available upon request.

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For more information on STEBs

Please consult the website of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO):

https://www.icao.int/Security/SFP/LAGS_STEBS/Pages/default.aspx

Information and questions

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About the Duty Free World Council

The Duty Free World Council, the DFWC, is the industry association representing the interests of the global duty free and travel retail channel and has the overall objective of creating the optimal operating environment for the industry that will allow it to achieve its full potential.