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TSA's New Restrictions on Powders in Carry-On Luggage

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 27 June 2018// Effective June 30th, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will limit the size of packages containing powders in carry-on bags of travellers entering the United States.

Powdered substances such as makeup, baby powder, ground coffee and spices 12 ounces/340 grams or more must be packed in checked bags only.

As a result, **ALL** passengers departing via MBJ will be checked for powdered substances in packages 12 ounces/340 grams or more at the security screening checkpoint. Any package in excess **will not** be allowed beyond the checkpoint. Medically prescribed powder-like substances and baby formula 12 ounces/340 grams or larger are exempted and may be transported in the cabin of the aircraft provided that any sealed containers are inspected for signs of alteration or tampering to the packaging and containers that are unsealed are inspected to ensure that the contents are consistent with the container/packaging.

Passengers will be able to purchase packages of powdered substance such as coffee in excess of 12 ounces/340 grams Post Security. Passengers with connecting flights who purchase powdered substances Post Security must place the item(s) in their checked bags at the point of connection prior to going through security or if the items are placed in Security Tamper-Evident Bags (STEBs) at the store of purchase at the airport, they may proceed with the item in their carry-on luggage. This is similar to the existing procedure treating with liquids, aerosols and gels.

The Security Directive takes effect on 30 June 2018.

About MBJ Airports:

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