



## POWDERS, LIQUIDS, AEROSOLS AND GELS

### What are they?

- Powder - fine dry particles (may also come in clumpy, grain, or compressed forms).
- Liquid - a substance that is a liquid when at room temperature;
- Aerosol - a substance kept in a container under pressure; or
- Gel - jelly-like substance.

### Examples include:

- Liquid based food or beverages such as jams, spreads, sauces, soups, oils and soft drink.
- Toiletries or cosmetics such as perfumes, makeup, sunscreen, toothpaste, deodorant, hairspray, shaving foam or hand sanitiser.
- Items such as salt, talcum powder, washing powder and sand.

Australia restricts the quantity of liquids, aerosols, gels and certain powders you can carry on board international flights.

These restrictions apply:

- when departing Australia
- when transiting through Australia from one country to another
- when travelling on the domestic leg of a flight departing from an Australian international terminal
- prior to boarding an inbound flight at its last point of departure before it reaches Australia

Note that inbound flight restrictions may be applied at the boarding gate at the last point of departure.

### Some tips...

Some items may not be obvious, such as snow domes or toys and souvenirs with sand, granular material or liquid inside. If you are unsure if an item will pass screening, pack it in your checked baggage.

Empty containers such as flasks or water bottles with a volume greater than 100ml can be carried through the screening point.

At many airports you will be able to purchase drinks and duty free items after you have passed through the screening point.

For more information visit  
[TravelSECURE.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/travel/secure-travel)



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AUSTRALIAN RESTRICTIONS

## How much can I take on board?

- Organic powders (e.g. food, powdered baby formula, coffee, sugar) are not restricted, but must be separated from the rest of your carry-on baggage for X-ray screening.
- Inorganic powders (e.g. salt, sand, talcum powder) must be in containers of 350ml (volume), 350gm (weight) or less. The total must not exceed 350ml, 350gm per person.
- Liquid, aerosol or gel items must be in containers of 100ml (volume), 100gm (weight) or less. These items must be placed in a 20cm x 20cm zip lock bag.
- Only one bag is allowed per passenger, with exceptions for carers who may carry the bag/s for people in their care, including children.
- Empty containers such as flasks or water bottles may be carried through the screening point.

Limits are strictly applied. Security screening officers have the final say about what you can take on board.



Partially filled liquids containers larger than 100ml or 100gm will not be allowed through the security screening point. For example, a 200gm toothpaste tube that is half-full will not be permitted.



Partially filled powders containers larger than 350ml or 350gm will not be allowed through the security screening point. For example, a 500gm container of washing powder that is half-full will not be permitted.

## Exemptions

Reasonable amounts of baby products, prescription and non-prescription medicines (including special dietary products), and medical items required during a flight are exempt. For medicines and medical items, you will need to present these items along with proof (e.g. doctor's letter) at the screening point. Cremated remains are also exempt.

All organic powders are exempt. This includes most powdered foods, coffee, protein powder and powdered baby formula.



## PREPARING FOR TRAVEL

### Before checking in

- PICK** the powder, liquid, aerosol and gel items you need to pack in your carry-on baggage carefully.

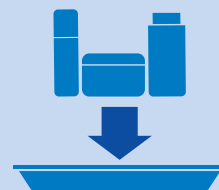
Any restricted items over the quantity limits will need to be packed in your checked baggage or left behind.



- PACK** the liquid, aerosol and gel items in a transparent, resealable plastic bag. Four sides of the bag's sealed area must add up to no more than 80cms (e.g. 20x20cm or 15x25cm). The items should fit comfortably in the bag. Only one bag per person is allowed.



**Powder items are to be kept separate from the liquid, aerosol and gel bag.**

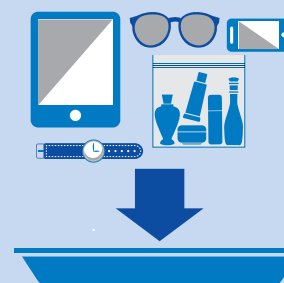


## PREPARING FOR SECURITY SCREENING

### At the security screening point

- PRESENT** all powder, liquid, aerosol and gel items to security screening staff if required.

Duty free purchases of powder, liquid, aerosol or gel items may also need to be presented to screening staff at this point.



- SURRENDER** any over-sized powder, liquid, aerosol or gel items to screening staff.

