

# LIQUIDS, AEROSOLS AND GELS

## What are they?

- 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.

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

These restrictions apply when:

- Departing from Australia;
- Arriving in Australia from an international destination;
- Transiting through another country to Australia; and
- Transiting through Australia to another country.

## Some tips...

- Some items may not be obvious, such as snow domes or toys with 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.

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# TRAVELLING WITH LIQUIDS, AEROSOLS AND GELS ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

## AUSTRALIAN RESTRICTIONS





### How much can I take on board?

Liquid, aerosol or gel items must be in containers of 100 millilitres (volume), 100 grams (weight) or less.

- 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.



Containers larger than 100ml or 100gm, even if only partially-filled, will not be allowed through the security screening point. For example, a 200gm toothpaste tube that is half-full will not be permitted.

### Exemptions

Reasonable amounts of baby products, prescription and non-prescription medication (including special dietary products) and medical items required for use during a flight are exempt.

For medicines and medical items containing liquid, aerosol or gel, you must present these items along with proof (a letter from your doctor) at the screening point.

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

## Preparing for travel

### Before checking in

- 1. PICK** the liquid, aerosol and gel items you need to pack in your carry-on baggage carefully. Make sure no container exceeds 100ml or 100gm.

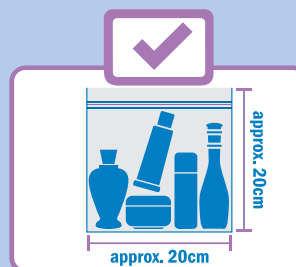
Any containers larger than 100ml or 100gm will need to be packed in your checked baggage or left behind.



- 2. 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.

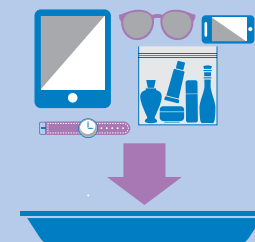


## Preparing for security screening

### At the security screening point

- 3. PRESENT** this bag separately to security screening staff.

Duty free purchases with liquid, aerosol or gel items must also be presented to screening staff at this point.



- 4. SURRENDER** any liquid, aerosol or gel items greater than 100ml or 100gm, including partially filled containers larger than 100ml or 100gm.

