

Carry-On and Checked Luggage:

What may go where?

Important information for your trip

Baggage rules for flights from German airports

 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Checked bags✓ Carry-on luggage*	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Checked bags✓ Carry-on luggage*
Mixtures of liquids and solids and materials of similar consistency (e.g. soups, syrups etc.)	Sharp or pointed items such as nail scissors, disposable razors, and pocket knives with blades up to 6 cm long**
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Checked bags✓ Carry-on luggage*	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Checked bags✓ Carry-on luggage*
Gels, shampoo and hair conditioner, shower gels, toothpaste, lotions and creams, oils, shaving cream and foams, deodorants, and other products in pressurized containers	Perfumes, cosmetics, mascara, pastes including toothpaste, sprays and aerosols
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Checked bags✓ Carry-on luggage*	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Checked bags✗ Carry-on luggage*
Personal medications, baby food	Gas and gas containers, naphtha lighters**, paint spray cans

Please submit questions to feedback@fraport.de.

* Items carried into the aircraft cabin must be placed inside a transparent, reclosable bag with a maximum capacity of one liter.

Only one such bag is allowed per passenger.

Medications and baby food are exempt from this requirement.

** The regulations of other EU countries may differ from those in Germany.

Please contact your airline in advance to obtain information.

Fraport AG
Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide
Aviation Marketing (AVN-DA)
60547 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Finalized in April 2024

Legal Background

In 2003, an EU directive made it mandatory to check all baggage that is carried or loaded onto aircraft. This was then enacted in Article 9 of the German Aviation Security Law, which requires airlines to inspect all checked bags. If any prohibited items or substances are found, they are removed without informing the bags' owners!

Dangerous Goods

Baggage Rules for Carry-On and Checked Luggage



Examples of Dangerous Goods

E-Cigarettes/Powerbanks



Because e-cigarettes and powerbanks contain lithium batteries, it is mandatory to carry them in your hand luggage (their rated capacity may not exceed 100 watt-hours).

Lighters/Matches



The international rules on dangerous goods allow each passenger to take no more than one gas lighter or one book or box of matches, which they must carry on their body. It is not permitted to place items in hand luggage or checked bags. Any lighters found in travel luggage will be removed and immediately destroyed. Naphtha and other windproof lighters like those of the ZIPPO brand may not be transported in aircraft under any circumstances.

Equipment with Combustion Engines



Power saws, trimmers etc. with combustion engines may not be transported in hand or checked luggage because their tanks, carburetors and fuel lines inevitably contain traces of flammable fuel, which is prohibited in both checked and hand luggage. Not even brand-new chainsaws are allowed, since they may contain fuel and oil residues as a result of testing in the factory.

Swim Vests



One swim vest may be carried for each passenger, either in hand or checked luggage. However, explicit permission to do so must be obtained beforehand from the airline and carried in the same bag. Up to two replacement cartridges may also be taken.

Avalanche Airbag Packs



One avalanche airbag pack may be carried for each passenger, in either hand or checked luggage. However, explicit permission to do so must be obtained beforehand from the airline and carried in the same bag. No replacement cartridges are allowed. The explosive charge of the activation mechanism may not exceed 200 mg net of Division 1.4S.

Liquid-Fuel Camping Stoves



Gas camping stoves may be carried if the fuel cartridges have been removed. International rules on dangerous goods prohibit transporting spirit stoves in either hand or checked luggage.

Sparklers/Fireworks



Sparklers also fall into the category of fireworks and are therefore also considered to be explosives. Neither sparklers nor fireworks may be transported in either hand or checked luggage.

Alcoholic Beverages



Up to five liters of alcoholic beverages with a maximum alcohol content of 70% may be carried per passenger provided that they are still in the original containers, the capacity of which may not exceed five liters.

Cosmetics



You may carry hairspray, deodorant and perfume on board if they are in containers, each of which may not have a capacity greater than 100 ml, that are placed inside a transparent, reclosable bag with a maximum capacity of one liter. In checked luggage, it is allowed to transport containers with a maximum capacity of 500 ml and an overall volume of two liters per passenger. The capacity of the containers is the criterion, not how much they actually contain.

Self-Balancing Scooters (Hoverboards) and E-scooters



These are not accepted by airlines for transportation in either hand or checked luggage.

Lithium Batteries



Passengers and crew members may carry on board, or pack in checked luggage, portable electronic devices containing lithium-ion cells or batteries, such as watches, clocks, pocket calculators, cameras, cell phones, laptop computers, camcorders etc., for their personal use. The following values may not be exceeded:

- The amount of lithium in lithium metal and lithium alloy batteries must not be greater than 2 grams.
- In the case of lithium-ion batteries, their rated capacity may not exceed 100 watt-hours.

Replacement batteries for portable electronic devices of these kinds, including lithium metal and lithium-ion cells and batteries, may be carried in hand luggage only. These batteries must be individually secured to prevent short-circuits. Special permission is required to transport devices with lithium-ion cells having a rated capacity greater than 100 watt-hours; please contact your airline to obtain it.

Paints/Varnishes



Flammable liquids and fluids that interact with water (such as paints, varnishes, coatings and thinners) as well as readily oxidizing substances such as bleaches may not be transported in either hand or checked luggage.

Electric Bicycles



Electric bicycles may only be transported without a battery.