**Australian Government Department of Finance** 



## Lifting of the Electronics Ban for Carry-on Baggage Subject: Issue date: 11 July 2017

Dear Entity Travel Manager

The United States Government has lifted the in-cabin ban on electronic devices on US-bound flights from the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait City, and Turkey effective from 4 July 2017. Devices larger than a cell phone/smart phone are now permitted onboard flights to the United States.

**Key Points:** 

- Devices including (but not limited to) laptops, tablets and iPads, cameras, e-readers (e.g. Kindle), portable DVD players and gaming devices larger than a smartphone are now permitted in the cabin of US-bound aircraft originating from the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait City, and Turkey.
- The electronic devices ban is still in place for US bound flights originating from Jidda and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia; Cairo, Egypt; and Casablanca, Morocco.
- The United Kingdom electronics devices ban is still in effect for UK bound flights originating from Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia, which affects travel by air to the United Kingdom and the United States
- WoAG panel airlines Emirates, Etihad Airways, and Qatar Airways are now unaffected by the US electronics ban.

We advise all travellers to check the Smartraveller sites below for more information.

USA:

http://smartraveller.gov.au/Countries/americas/north/Pages/united states of america.aspx UK:

http://smartraveller.gov.au/Countries/europe/northern/Pages/united kingdom.aspx

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