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**TO:** CU Boulder Faculty, Staff and Students

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**SUBJECT:** Guidance relating to DHS March 2017 Electronics Travel Ban

As of 21 March, 2017 the [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#) requires all passengers traveling on direct flights to the United States from 10 select airports to store all personal electronic devices (PEDs) larger than cell or smart phones in checked baggage. **Items such as laptops, iPads, and cameras will not be allowed in carry-on luggage.**

Affected International Airports:

- **Queen Alia International Airport (AMM)** – Amman, Jordan
- **Cairo International Airport (CAI)** – Cairo, Egypt
- **Ataturk International Airport (IST)** – Istanbul, Turkey
- **King Abdul-Aziz International Airport (JED)** – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- **King Khalid International Airport (RUH)** – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **Kuwait International Airport (KWI)** – Kuwait City, Kuwait
- **Mohammed V International Airport (CMN)** – Casablanca, Morocco
- **Hamad International Airport (DOH)** – Doha, Qatar
- **Dubai International Airport (DXB)** – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- **Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH)** – Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Direct flights from the above airports to the US destinations below will require that the electronics be stowed in checked baggage. Once in the United States, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will increase explosives detection screening of passenger luggage from select international inbound flights upon domestic arrival. This screening will occur prior to releasing the luggage back to the passengers and the TSA warns that this process may result in delays for connecting luggage.

- Atlanta (ATL)
- Boston (BOS)
- Chicago O'Hare (ORD)
- Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW)
- Ft. Lauderdale (FLL)
- Houston Intercontinental (IAH)
- Los Angeles (LAX)
- Miami (MIA)
- Orlando (MCO)
- New York Kennedy (JFK)
- Philadelphia (PHL)

- San Francisco (SFO)
- Seattle-Tacoma (SEA)
- Washington Dulles (IAD)

**Possible electronic devices affected:**

- Laptop Computers
- Tablets (e.g. iPads)
- E-Cigarette batteries
- Cell phone batteries
- Medical equipment (may be brought into the cabin after additional screening)

**Recommendations if you are traveling from one of the impacted international airports:**

1. Travel routes should be carefully planned – TSA assessment may delay passengers and luggage from making connecting flights.
2. If possible, use a University loaner laptop during your travel. The University now provides loaner laptops to travelers with certain risk profiles or traveling to high-risk destinations. Contact the Office of Export Controls for additional information.
3. Ensure that you have luggage locks or another way to secure your luggage if you are required to check your electronics. More information about [TSA recognized locks](#) can be found [here](#).
4. All travelers with U.S. Government issued electronics should verify with their customer the protocol to be used if your electronics or checked baggage is lost or stolen.
5. Immediately report any lost or stolen items to the Office of Export Controls and the Office of Information Technology.
6. This electronics ban **does not** require you to forfeit electronics at any time to foreign governments such as customs officials.

For additional information related to international travel, please visit the [CU Boulder's Office of Export Controls International Travel Landing Page](#). A PDF version of this guidance can be found on the International Travel Landing Page as well as [Foreign Travel with Computers and Other Electronic Devices](#).

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