

9.11 Baggage Policy

Our mission is to deliver the best value in air medical transportation, without compromising patient care. In order to achieve this mission most of the space normally available for baggage can be occupied with life supporting equipment and supplies.

The regular baggage policy consists of one personal bag and one additional handbag. The mission control personnel will inform verbally the patient/passenger about the baggage policy. In addition an electronic version of the baggage policy will be sent by e-mail or fax to the patient/passenger in advance. The baggage policy is also available on the Rega webpage. In some special cases it is not possible to get in contact with the patient/passenger. For this the CDR will inform the patient/passenger prior boarding the aeroplane. If for any reason there is more baggage, then the commander will decide upon available space. In the worst case, the additional baggage may be shipped via standard commercial airline or freight carrier.

We apologise if this is an inconvenience; however please remember our primary concern is the patient. In order to avoid a delay in patient transport, all arrangements for the shipping of additional baggage should be made before the time of the loading of our aeroplane for departure.

	Hand Baggage	Personal Baggage
Number of Pieces	One	One
Dimension	55x40x20cm (perimeter 115 cm) or 22x16x8 inch (perimeter 46 inch)	Perimeter: 203 cm or 79 inch
Weight	6kg or 13 lbs	20kg or 44 lbs

All baggage and personal items are subject to inspection and Dangerous Goods regulation.

9.11.1 Prohibited Materials and Articles

For safety reasons, the following materials and articles are prohibited from being carried in either your checked baggage, in your carry-on baggage or on the person:

- Briefcases and security type attaché cases with installed alarm devices;
- Pyrotechnic material, except for trigger device in avalanche rescue back pack;
- Explosives, ammunition, fireworks;
- Flammable, non-flammable deeply refrigerated and poisonous or irritating gases, such as aerosols, lighters and lighter refills, camping fuel;
- Disabling devices such as mace, pepper spray, etc. containing an irritant or incapacitating substance;
- Carbon dioxide cylinders for soda siphons, butane gas cylinders, scuba diving cylinders, gas cylinders;
- Flammable solids, such as matches and items which are easily ignited, substances liable to spontaneous combustion, substances which on contact with water emit flammable gases;
- Flammable liquids, such as paints, thinners, solvents;
- Oxidising substances, such as bleaching powder and peroxides;
- Poisonous (toxic) and infectious substances (viruses and bacteria);
- Radioactive materials;
- Corrosives materials: acids, metallic mercury, thermometers containing mercury, barometers, acids, alkaline and wet cell batteries;
- Magnetized materials and other miscellaneous Dangerous Goods;
- Items equipped with blades or pointed ends, such as scissors, pocket knives, nail files, razor blades;
- Automobile parts for cars, motor or motorcycle;

- Ship's spares;
- Swimming pool chemicals;
- Battery powered personal transportation devices (hoverboards, self-balancing devices or gravity boards).
- Damaged or defective lithium batteries or damaged or defective devices containing lithium batteries are not allowed at any time on board of an aeroplane.

Please note that the security personnel at the aerodrome will confiscate the following objects:

- **Firearms:** Any weapon from which a shot may be fired by the force of an explosion or compressed air or gas, including starter and flare pistols;
- **Knives and cutting tools:** Including sabres, swords, cardboard cutters, hunting knives, souvenir knives, martial arts devices, professional tools and such other knives with blades of 6 cm long or longer and/or knives considered illegal by local law;
- **Arms:** All other devices considered illegal by local law;
- **Bludgeons:** Blackjacks, billy clubs, baseball clubs or similar instruments;
- **Explosives, ammunitions, flammable liquids and corrosives:** Any explosive or incendiary components, which by themselves or in conjunction with other items can result in an explosion or fire. These include explosive materials, blasting caps, fireworks, gasoline, other flammable liquids, ammunition, etc., or any combination of these items. Any corrosive or toxic substances, including gases, whether or not under pressure;
- **Disabling or incapacitating items:** All tear gas, mace, and similar chemicals and gases whether in pistol, canister, or other container, and other disabling devices such as electronic stunning/shocking devices;
- **Other articles:** Such items as ice picks, alpenstocks, straight razors, and elongated scissors, which, even though not commonly thought of as a deadly or dangerous weapon, could be used as a weapon, including toy or "dummy" weapons or grenades;
- **Articles of any kind giving rise to reasonable suspicion that a item may be used to simulate a deadly weapon:** Such articles shall include but not be limited to objects resembling explosive devices or other items that may give appearance of a weapon or dangerous item;
- **Chemical/biological attack items and substances:** The possibilities for chemical/biological attacks include the use of chemical or biological agents to commit unlawful acts. Such restricted chemical/biological substances shall include but not be limited to the following: sulphur mustard, vx., chlorine, sarin, hydrogen cyanide, anthrax, botulism, smallpox, tularaemia, and viral haemorrhagic fever (v.h.f.). Items indicating the nature of the chemical/biological substance or suspicion of such nature shall be immediately notified to airport authority, police, military or other relevant authority and isolated from public terminal areas. If you are not sure whether a certain item or substance is considered a Dangerous Good, banned from check-in and please contact us.

9.11.2 Acceptable Goods

Acceptable goods are divided into goods with an approval and without an approval of Rega/Swiss Air-Ambulance required.

9.11.2.1 Goods with an approval required

The transport of the following lithium powered Portable Electronic Devices (PED) and spare batteries containing lithium is restricted and an approval of Rega/Swiss Air-Ambulance required.

9.11.2.1.1 Portable Medical Electronic Devices

Medical devices (e.g. AED, CPAP, etc.) containing lithium metal batteries exceeding 2 grams lithium but not exceeding 8 grams or lithium ion batteries exceeding 100 Wh but not exceeding 160 Wh, carried in checked baggage, carry-on baggage or on the person.

Spare batteries of the same size must be individually protected so as to prevent short circuits (by placement in original retail packaging or by otherwise insulating terminals, e.g. by taping over exposed terminals or placing each battery in a separate plastic bag or protective pouch) and carried in carry-on baggage or on the person only. In addition, the following restrictions apply:

- Carried by patient/passenger for medical use and medical treatment;
- No more than two spare batteries be carried by a patient/passenger;
- Each installed or spare battery must be of a type which meets the requirements of each test in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3. The patient/passenger has to send a confirmation of meeting the requirements before the flight.

9.11.2.1.2 Portable Electronic Devices >100 Wh and ≤160 Wh

Portable electronic devices (e.g. watches, calculating machines, cameras, cellular phones, laptop computers, camcorders) containing lithium ion batteries exceeding 100 Wh but not exceeding 160 Wh, carried in checked baggage, carry-on baggage or on the person.

The following restrictions apply:

- Carried by patient/passengers for personal use;
- Should be carried as carry-on baggage;
- Batteries must be of a type which meets the requirements of each test in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3.

9.11.2.2 Goods without an approval required

Some medicine and medical tools, toiletries, smoking items (butane lighters are prohibited, e-cigarettes to be carried in the carry-on baggage or on the person only and recharging on board of the aeroplane is prohibited), and alcohol, as long as these items are taken on board in small quantities for your own use only.

Additionally, portable electronic devices (e.g. watches, calculating machines, cameras, cellular phones, laptop computers, camcorders) including medical devices such as portable oxygen containers (POC) containing lithium metal or lithium ion cells or batteries may be carried on board. For lithium metal batteries the lithium metal content shall not exceed 2g and for lithium ion batteries the watt-hour rating shall not exceed 100Wh. These items may be carried in checked baggage, carry-on baggage or on the person. The following restrictions apply:

- Carried by patient/passengers for personal use;
- Should be carried as carry-on baggage;
- If devices are carried in checked baggage, measures must be taken to prevent unintentional activation;
- Batteries must be of a type which meets the requirements of each test in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3;

Spare batteries of the same size (not exceeding a lithium metal content 2g or 100Wh) must be individually protected so as to prevent short circuits (by placement in original retail packaging or by otherwise insulating terminals, e.g. by taping over exposed terminals or placing each battery in a separate plastic bag or protective pouch) and carried in carry-on baggage or on the person only. In addition, the following restrictions apply:

- Carried by patient/passenger for personal use;
- No more than two individually protected spare batteries per person;
- Batteries must be of a type which meets the requirements of each test in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3.

9.12 Cargo and Mail Loading Policy

Rega/Swiss Air-Ambulance does not transport any cargo or mail. Accordingly no regulation is issued concerning the loading of such goods.