

United States, United Kingdom Announce Airline Electronics Bans

The US Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) announced on Monday, March 20, 2017, that a new ban on certain types of electronics on international inbound flights to the United States would go into effect at 3 a.m. EST on Tuesday, March 21. Restricted items include electronics that are bigger than standard mobile telephones, including laptop computers, tablets, cameras, travel printers and gaming devices.

According to DHS, all foreign airlines with direct flights to the United States from airports in the cities listed here must comply within 96 hours of the ban’s effective time.

- **Amman**, Jordan (Queen Alia International Airport)
- **Cairo**, Egypt (Cairo International Airport)
- **Istanbul**, Turkey (Ataturk Airport)
- **Jeddah** and **Riyadh**, Saudi Arabia (King Khalid International in Riyadh, King Abdulaziz International in Jeddah)
- **Kuwait City**, Kuwait (Kuwait International Airport)
- **Casablanca**, Morocco (Mohammed V International Airport)
- **Doha**, Qatar (Hamad International Airport)
- **Dubai** and **Abu Dhabi**, the United Arab Emirates (Dubai International Airport and Abu Dhabi International Airport)

American-operated airlines, which do not have any direct flights to the United States from any of the airports listed above, are not subject to this electronics ban.

In a similar decision, the British government announced on Tuesday, March 21, that it is also implementing an electronics ban on all devices larger than 16 cm (~6.3 inches) long, 9.3 cm (~3.7 inches) wide and 1.5 cm (~.6 inches) deep. The British ban on in-flight electronics applies to **all** flights inbound to the United Kingdom, including British-operated airlines, from the following countries.

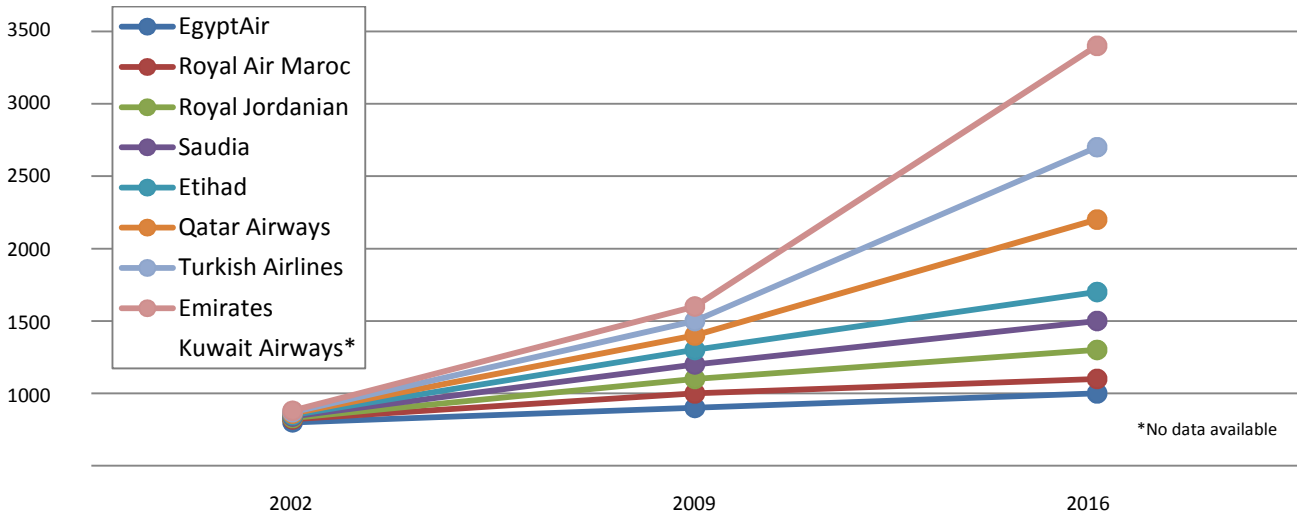
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- Tunisia
- Turkey

A UK government spokesperson quoted in media reports has indicated that the ban will be put into place “within the next couple of days.”

Flights to the US from Affected Airlines

Number of flights to the US over the past decade on the airlines affected by the ban

Adapted from an [Al Jazeera Media Network chart](#).



New Rules on Electronic Devices

Adapted from a [BBC chart](#).

Smartphone



Larger Device

(More than 16 cm x 9.3 cm)



Tablet



Laptop



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