

Subject: Possible Electronics Ban
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Dear Students,

This email is to let you know that the U.S. Department of Homeland security is **considering a ban on most electronic devices** larger than a cellphone on European routes, expanding a ban that was put in place with Middle Eastern routes earlier this year. View an article [here](#).

How could this affect you: I am making the assumption that most of you will be traveling with a laptop, tablet, e-reader, or camera this summer. These items will need to be checked in your luggage which will add extra time to your travel if you planned on only bringing a carry on bag onto the plane. It also can put your items at more of a risk for theft. I would recommend deleting sensitive information from these items, deleting saved usernames and passwords, and removing memory cards from cameras if you do need to check them. Fortunately most information can be backed up via a cloud these days which allows you to have less information saved on the device.

I want to emphasize that the ban on European flights is **not yet in place** but it is something to be aware of. I highly recommend checking with your carrier before before you arrive at the airport. I will do my best to keep you up to date on any new developments.

Best,

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