



UPDATE ON SECURITY MEASURES FOR PASSENGERS FLYING OUT OF ARMSTRONG INTERNATIONAL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 11, 2006, New Orleans – Sean Hunter, Interim Director of Aviation for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport has issued the following statement concerning security measures beyond the security checkpoints.

“The New Orleans Aviation Board is fully committed to assisting the Department of Homeland Security in maintaining the highest level of security at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. We are working closely and cooperatively with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to ensure compliance with the new requirements of Alert Level Orange. Our vendors, who are located on concourses, have removed all prohibited items from their shelves. In addition, we have moved to an open container method of dispensing beverages on concourses. This means that any bottled beverages will be poured into cups by the vendor. The bottle will be disposed of in a proper manner by the vendor. These changes do not apply to non-secure areas of the Airport, which will function as usual. “

The TSA is also performing random inspections at the gate areas.

The TSA is advising that no liquids or gels of any kind will be permitted in carry on baggage, or carried through the security checkpoint or carried onboard aircraft. Those items are instead allowed in checked baggage, which passengers cannot access in flight. Prohibited items include all beverages, shampoo, sun tan lotion, creams, tooth paste, hair gel and other items of similar consistency. Exceptions include baby formula and medicines, which must be presented for inspection at the checkpoint.

Passengers are encouraged to arrive at the airport at least two hours before their flights, as the changes may result in longer screening times.

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