Security Regulations

Carriage of Arms & Ammunition

For General Passengers

In any case a Passenger cannot carry a firearm and/or ammunition on his/her person or in his/her Cabin baggage. At the security check-point if any such item is detected in his/her cabin baggage or on his/her person he/she may be criminally prosecuted. The firearm/ammunition may be seized for investigation and if necessary, used as evidence during prosecution.

Passenger can carry one licensed revolver or pistol or shotgun and fifty (50) cartridges in registered baggage after taking the following steps.

- Must declare orally or in writing about carriage of firearm/ammunition either at the time of check-in if screening of hold-baggage is done after check-in or before security screening of the hold-baggage if it is done prior to check-in.

  **If passengers fail to declare as above, he/she may be criminally prosecuted.**

- Must carry a valid license or authorization for carriage of firearm and/or ammunition.

- Firearm must be unloaded and packed separately from the ammunition and meeting all safety and security requirements

- Ammunition should not be carried in loose form and it should be in the proper package.

For Sportsman

- If you are a sportsman travelling to participate in some shooting event and thereby carrying more than one licensed firearm and/or ammunition more than 50 rounds, you must carry evidence to establish your identity and bonafide of such carriage of arms and ammunition. The evidence can be a photo I.D. issued by a Government agency or the sponsoring Sports Club, and a written document from the President or Secretary of the Sports Club sponsoring you for the shooting event. Before clearing you, the screener will require these proofs.
For Serving personnel from Indian Defence forces, Para military forces, Police and Customs Officials

Serving personnel from Indian Defence forces, Para military forces, Police and Customs Officials if travelling on duty and carrying an official movement order issued by their concerned department authorizing the carriage of weapon and or ammunition for official purpose can carry one licensed revolver or pistol or shotgun and fifty cartridges in registered baggage after declaring them at check-in and meeting all safety and security requirements. A prescribed form is to be filled in by the passenger and verified by the Airport Manager.

“Authorization for carriage of firearms and ammunition by the sports persons in an aircraft shall be obtained from DGCA in accordance with provisions of the Aircraft (Carriage of Dangerous Goods) Rules 2003”.

Domestic sectors:

- As per Government of India regulations, a bonafide passenger / Serving personnel from Indian Defence forces, Para military forces, Police and Customs Officials if travelling on duty and carrying an official movement order issued by their concerned department authorizing the carriage of weapon and or ammunition for official purpose can carry one licensed revolver or pistol or shotgun and fifty cartridges in registered baggage after declaring them at check-in and meeting all safety and security requirements. A prescribed form is to be filled in by the passenger and verified by the Airport Manager.

- Weapon holders are requested to confirm the type of aircraft and the size of weapon at the time of ticket booking & contact Air India office before flying for latest update in this regard

- However, there is no provision to carry weapons and ammunition on ATR flights.

**Air India will charge INR 5000 per fire arm, air gun and / or ammunition (up to 50 rounds) per Passenger for additional services provided during handling and carriage of fire arm, air gun or ammunition in their registered baggage on within India sectors.**

The following personnel are exempted and will not be charged the mentioned fee provided they fulfil the conditions as specified:
Serving personnel from Indian Defence forces, Para military forces, Police and Customs Officials if travelling on duty and carrying an official movement order issued by their concerned department authorizing the carriage of weapon and or ammunition for official purpose.

Indian sportsperson traveling to either domestic or international destinations for a competition or representing the country, will be exempted from paying the charge levied for firearms, air gun(s) and or ammunition provided they fulfill the following conditions:

Provide a government recognised identification document for the sportsman. Evidence of identity can be established by a photo identity card issued by a government agency or the sponsoring club.

Valid license or authorization of fire arms and ammunition.

Bonafide for carriage of arms and ammunition on the basis of a written document issued by the President or Secretary of the sports club sponsoring him or her for the shooting event.

Standard excess baggage charges will apply for carriage of weapons and ammunitions exceeding the free baggage allowance.

**International Sector**

*On International sector, the above rules will apply subject to local Laws and necessary permits.*

On International sectors Passenger will be charged US $100 (or equivalent amount plus local tax) per fire-arm and 50 cartridges for the additional service provided during handling and carriage of fire arm, air gun or ammunition in their registered baggage.

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