

Smart bags with non-removable lithium-ion batteries

The presence of non-removable lithium-ion batteries in the first generation of smart bags turned out to be their Achilles' Heel. With concerns for safety, airlines began banning smart luggage with inbuilt battery packs as checked luggage, although they're still accepted as carry-on cabin bags.

Recent developments of innovative baggage with integrated lithium batteries, commonly known as "smart luggage" are being marketed and sold to the traveling public. These devices include integrated lithium batteries, motors, power banks, GPS, GSM, Bluetooth, RFID or Wi-Fi ...

According to the new policy, smart baggage with non-removable lithium batteries will be prohibited from carriage on HK Express -- both as checked-baggage and as a carry-on. If travellers would like to check a smart baggage, the lithium battery must be removed and stored inside a carry-on during the flight.

Smart bags with integrated lithium batteries for the purpose of charging an external device or to provide power to the wheels of the bag with non-removable lithium batteries will not be accepted as cabin baggage or Check in baggage, unless the device contains

Smart bags with lithium batteries that do not exceed 0.3g or 2.7Wh are allowed as carry-on or checked luggage. What are the restrictions? Batteries exceeding 0.3g or 2.7Wh must be removed and carried as "spares" in carry-on. If batteries cannot be removed and they exceed 0.3g or 2.7Wh they cannot go onto a plane. Why is this item restricted?

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