



## **Media Release**

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### **BATA Welcomes Removal of 'One Bag Rule'**

The industry body for British airlines has welcomed the long-awaited removal of this UK-only restriction and thanks the Secretary of State for Transport for her decision.

A spokesman said: "This will make the travel experience more consistent for passengers and will remove one of the complications they have faced at UK airports over the last 15 months. However, we must remind passengers that the airlines' own rules on what can be taken onboard the aircraft will still apply and, if in doubt, these can be found in their travel documents or on their airline's website.

"We look forward to further improvements in the security experience over the next few months, including shorter queues and a more consistent process across all airports.

“The one-bag restriction has been very inconvenient for travellers departing from UK airports and an embarrassment for the country. There is growing evidence that tightened border controls are creating unacceptably long delays in the arrivals process. It is vital that these controls are resourced appropriately by government so that we don’t replace one national embarrassment with another.”

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**Notes to Editors**

1) BATA represents UK registered airlines covering the scheduled, charter and freight sectors. Its members account for 85% of UK airline output.

2) For more information and to arrange interviews contact Roger Wiltshire, Secretary General on 07767 660 658 or 020 7222 9494.