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NEWS RELEASE

Tampa International Airport Raises National Threat Advisory to High/Orange

TAMPA, Fla. (August 10, 2006) -- The U. S. Department of Homeland Security has changed the nation's threat level for the aviation sector in coordination with heightened security precautions in the United Kingdom. All U.S. airports have raised the threat level to High, or Orange, for all commercial aviation operating in or destined for the United States.

Tampa International Airport is alerting all passengers and the Tampa Bay community that effective immediately there are new security procedures for all airline flights which will impact procedures at TPA.

Changes include:

- Passengers should plan to arrive at the Airport two hours before domestic flights and three hours prior to international travel.
- To help expedite the screening checkpoint -- passengers should plan to pack light and limit carry on items – all carry on items will be inspected.
- Passengers may not have liquids or gels of any size at the screening checkpoint or in the cabin of the aircraft.
- Items included: beverages, shampoo, suntan lotion, creams, toothpaste, hair gel, and other items of similar consistency. **All these items may be transported in checked baggage.**
- **All make-up/cosmetics should be placed in checked bags.**
- Passengers may carry: baby formula or breast milk if a baby or small child is traveling. Prescription medicine with a name that matches the passenger's ticket. Insulin and essential other non-prescription medicines.

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- All beverages purchased in the airsides at the gate areas must be consumed before boarding the aircraft.

The above changes are in effect until further notice.

Tampa International Airport, the Transportation Security Administration, the airlines and airport tenants are working together to implement these new procedures for the public's traveling safety and security. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Travelers should go about their plans confidently, while maintaining vigilance in their surroundings and exercising patience with screening and security officials.

Additionally, travelers will see an increased law enforcement and K-9 presence at the airport.

For more information regarding arrival and departure schedules visit www.tampaairport.com or contact your airline and visit www.tsa.gov for more security information for travelers.

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