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Sub.: Haj – 2023. Standard Baggage.

For pilgrims convenience it is decided to standardize the baggage. Experience shows that anomalous and clumsy baggage is very difficult to carry. It creates many problems for the pilgrims as well as to co-pilgrims, resulting in delay of flights. The pilgrims should carry maximum two suitcases and a hand bag of the size mentioned below only, which is to be used for both Outward and Inward journey.

Kind attention is invited to Guidelines for Haj-2023. In this regard, Para 38 of Haj Guidelines-2023 stipulated that: -

Description	Number of Pieces	Weight	Size
Check-in-Bag	Two (2) suitcases	upto 20 Kg. each	(Length-75 + Breadth-55 + Height-28) 158 cm maximum total dimensions
Hand Bag	One (1) bag	upto 7 Kg.	55 cm X 40 cm X 23 cm

Baggage items other than the specified suitcases and Hand Bags should not be carried. Haj Committee of India will not be responsible for transportation of extra baggage. Non-compliance is liable to lead to cancellation of Haj journey and forfeiture of the entire amount deposited at any stage of journey.

WARNING: PILGRIM SHOULD STRICTLY FOLLOW THE SIZE, SHAPE AND WEIGHT OF HAND BAG AS CABIN BAGGAGE. THE UNSPECIFIED OR OUT OF SHAPE, SIZE AND WEIGHT ABOVE 7 KGS. HANDBAG WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE AIRLINES AS CABIN BAGGAGE. THE SAME SHALL REMAIN STRANDED AT JEDDAH/MADINAH HAJ TERMINAL. HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO BRING BACK ANY SUCH STRANDED BAGGAGE FROM JEDDAH/ MADINAH TO INDIA. PILGRIMS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST SHOULD REMAIN CAUTIOUS AND FOLLOW THE AIRLINES RULES. PLEASE DO NOT KEEP ANY IMPORTANT THING LIKE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, MEDICINES, SPECTACLES ETC. IN ANY UNSPECIFIED HAND BAG / CABIN BAGGAGE.

Note: Pilgrims are requested to record their Cover Number, Name, Address, Flight Number & Embarkation Point on baggage by bold marker pen for easy identification also paste stickers provided at the embarkation point on their baggages without fail. In the absence of these markings, tracing of any missing baggage becomes difficult.

ZamZam Water:

The pilgrim should not carry any ZamZam cans or bottles separately at the time of return from KSA. KSA authorities will seize the baggage at the Airport if ZamZam or any prohibited items are found in the baggage. ZamZam can of 5 litres shall be provided to every pilgrim at their disembarkation point by the airlines.

2. These norms are also specified in the Haj Guide provided to all pilgrims and have also been stressed upon during the training sessions.

3. These norms must be emphasized upon the pilgrims for strict compliance and to create awareness and re-emphasize the same by giving wide publicity to the intending Haj pilgrims. Further, at the embarkation point strict instructions should be issued to all concerned agencies, Airlines, NGO's etc. to not allow any non-standard baggages.

(Mohd Yakooob Shekha)
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