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Dear Miss Ma,

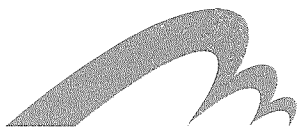
Follow-up to Panel on Security meeting on 5 June 2018

**Security arrangements for carry-on baggage
at the Hong Kong International Airport**

Thanks for your letter dated 6 June 2018 regarding the security arrangements for carry-on baggage at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). In response to request from the Chairman of the Panel, we would like to reply as follows:

At HKIA, the security screening procedures are implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Aviation Department and the HKIA Airport Security Programme. All liquids, aerosols, gels (LAGs) carried by passengers shall be contained in containers with capacity not exceeding 100 millilitres (ml). Any container with a capacity greater than 100 ml, even if it is only partially filled with LAGs, must not be brought into the restricted area of the airport. All persons are required to go through security screening and to follow the related requirements.

Notices are put up at the airport to inform passengers about the relevant requirements. Passengers can also check HKIA's website for details: <https://www.hongkongairport.com/en/passenger-guide/airport-security/>.



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With regard to the incident on 21 May, according to records, in that morning, when conducting security check for a passenger at HKIA, the security staff detected a small amount of gel in a 200-ml container in the carry-on baggage. After investigation, the Aviation Security Company Limited (AVSECO) confirmed that the concerned security staff failed to comply strictly with the HKIA ASP requirements to have allowed the passenger to proceed with the item.

AVSECO has followed up the incident and completed its disciplinary review in accordance with the established procedures. The Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) is highly concerned about the incident involving AVSECO staff's non-compliance with implementing the relevant requirements. AAHK has reiterated to AVSECO that all relevant security requirements must be strictly enforced in compliance with the HKIA Airport Security Programme. AAHK also met the management of the AVSECO, to confirm that they have taken follow-up measures to ensure strict enforcement of the security requirements at HKIA and to avoid recurrence of similar incidents.

Thanks for your concern.

Yours sincerely,

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