

Mexico announces new laptop, tablet security on US flights

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In this June 19, 2017 file photo, a person works on a laptop in North Andover, Mass. Mexican authorities say the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has instituted heightened security measures for laptops and tablets on U.S.-bound flights from Mexico, starting Wednesday, July 19, 2017. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola, File)

Laptops and tablets on U.S.-bound flights from Mexico will be subjected to heightened carry-on security measures beginning Wednesday at the

request of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Mexican authorities announced.

Mexico's Transportation Department said in a statement that the measures apply to "electronics larger than a cellphone."

The department recommended that passengers travel with as few of those devices as possible in carry-on bags. It did not give details on the checks other to say they will take place separately from baggage, without cases or covers.

In March, U.S. authorities banned cabin electronics on departing flights from 10 airports in the Middle East over concerns extremists could hide bombs inside of laptops.

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