

Travel News 2009 – Sunway Travel

1. ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR TRAVEL AUTHORISATION TO THE UNITED STATES

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the implementation of the **Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)** for the current Visa Waiver-eligible nationalities. Starting from **12 January 2009**, all travellers under the US Visa Waiver Programme (VWP) MUST obtain an ESTA prior to travelling to the U.S. Failure to do so will result in denied boarding by U.S. DHS. Individuals who are eligible for the U.S. VWP can apply in advance through the internet for an ESTA, <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> Once approved, the authorisation will be valid for two years or until the applicant's passport expires, whichever comes first. DHS recommends applicants to submit applications no less than 72 hours prior to their travel. ESTA applications can be accepted now.

Currently, there are 34 Visa Waiver countries listed under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). For latest list of countries, please refer to http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/esta/ Andorra, Ireland, San Marino, South Korea, Australia, Italy, Singapore, Latvia, Austria, Japan, Slovenia, Lithuania, Belgium, Liechtenstein, Spain, Slovakia, Brunei, Luxembourg, Sweden, Denmark, Monaco Switzerland, Finland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, France, New Zealand, Czech Republic, Germany, Norway, Estonia, Iceland, Portugal, Hungary

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2. CATHAY PACIFIC - NO NEBULISER OR PERSONAL HUMIDIFIER ALLOWED TO BE OPERATED ON BOARD

With immediate effect, passengers should be aware that the following devices are not allowed to be operated on board any **Cathay Pacific or Dragonair** flights:

- **Nebulisers** (open-circuit type)
- **Personal Humidifiers***

Potential increased risk of respiratory disease transmission on board has been associated with use of nebulisers, humidifiers, vaporizers or other similar devices in-flight. Please discuss the details with your physician.

*Except those attached to CPAP machines of closed-circuit design, with exhausted mist collected without venting into the cabin.

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