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baggage —**

**Part 1:
Mass and dimensions**

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Partie 1: Masses et dimensions*

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Introduction

This document specifies maximum weight and dimensions requirements for baggage checked in by airline passengers to be carried in aircraft cargo compartments, in order to

- contribute to alleviating work conditions for baggage handling personnel and reducing the incidence of musculo-skeletal disorders (MSD) in this population,
- facilitate enhancing the overall efficiency of baggage handling, and
- provide standards for designing automated baggage handling systems increasingly used at airports.

Throughout this document, the minimum essential criteria are identified by use of the key word “shall”. Recommended criteria are identified by use of the key word “should” and, while not mandatory, are considered to be of primary importance in providing safe and efficient baggage handling. Deviation from the recommended criteria should only occur after careful consideration and thorough service evaluation have shown alternate methods to provide an equivalent level of work safety.

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