



Transportation Security Administration

Changes to Prohibited Items List (PIL)

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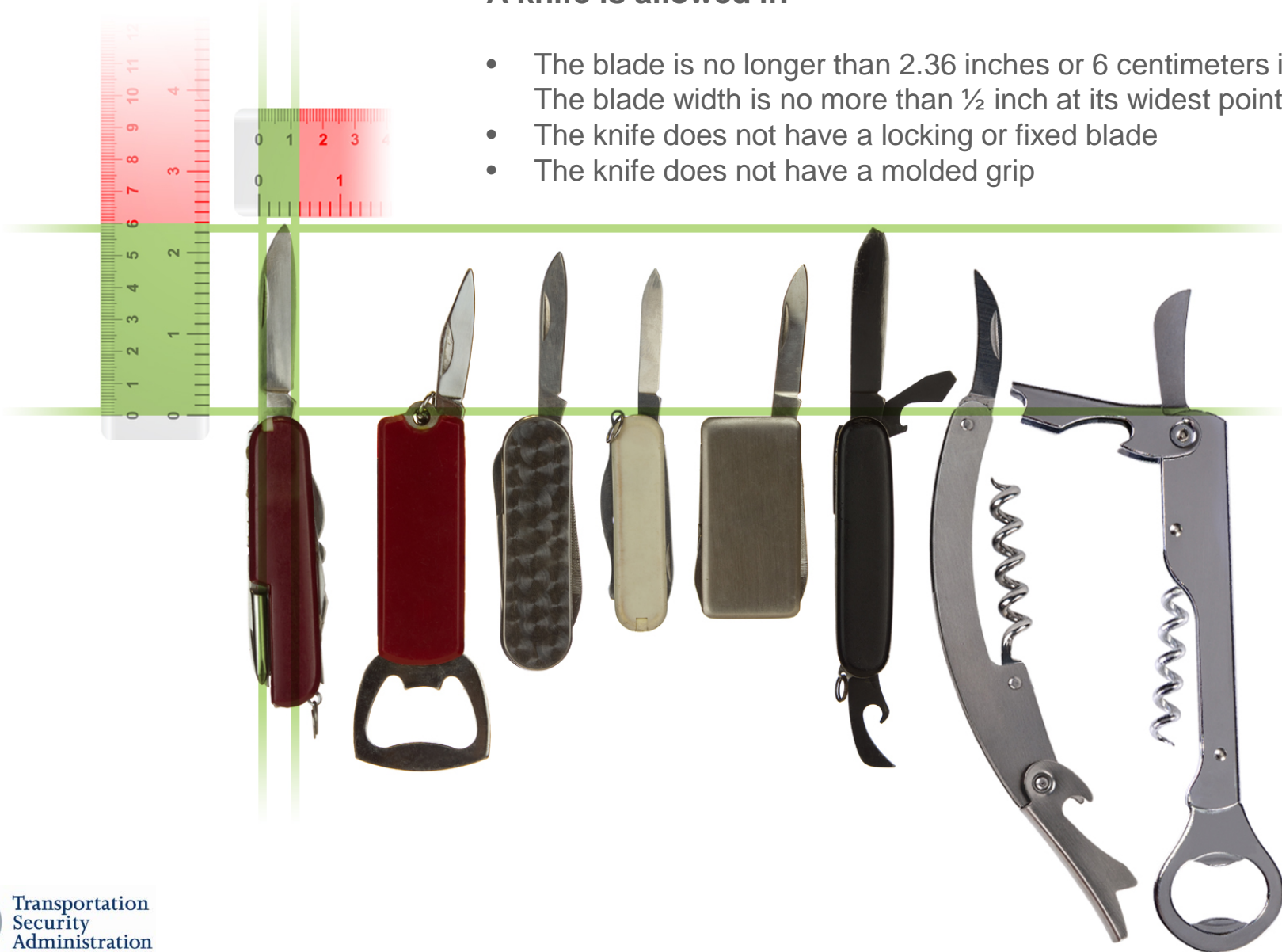
Statement from TSA on Changes to PIL

“Through TSA’s layered approach to security, and to align more closely with International Civil Aviation Organization standards, effective April 25, 2013 TSA will allow knives that do not lock, and have blades that are 2.36 inches or 6 centimeters or less in length and are less than 1/2 inch in width, novelty-sized and toy bats, billiard cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and two golf clubs as part of their carry-on baggage. This is part of an overall Risk-Based Security approach, which allows Transportation Security Officers to better focus their efforts on finding higher threat items such as explosives.”

Knives Allowed

A knife is allowed if:

- The blade is no longer than 2.36 inches or 6 centimeters in length
The blade width is no more than ½ inch at its widest point
- The knife does not have a locking or fixed blade
- The knife does not have a molded grip



Knives Not Allowed

A knife is prohibited if:

- The blade is longer than 2.36 inches or 6 centimeters in length
- The blade width is more than ½ inch at its widest point
- The knife has a fixed blade or locks firmly when in use
- The knife has a molded grip



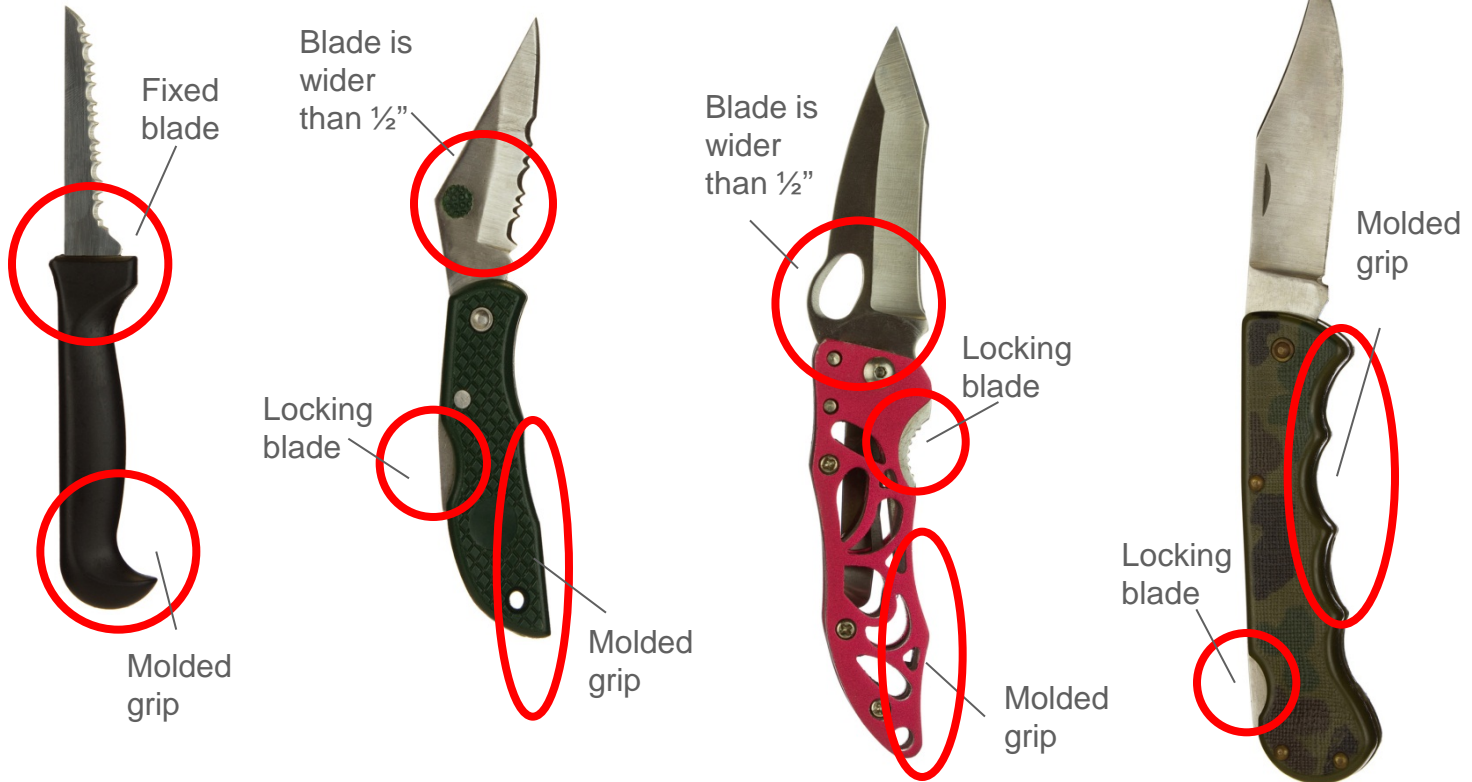
Small Knives Guideline



Allowed



Not Allowed

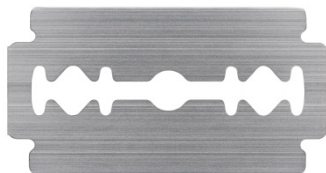


- The blade length is measured as a straight line extending from the tip of the blade to the forward-most aspect of the hilt or handle.
- The blade width is measured from the edge of the blade to the back of the blade at its widest point.

Sharp Objects Not Allowed



Razor blades and box cutters are not allowed



Sports Equipment Allowed

- Lacrosse Sticks
- Pool Sticks/Cues
- Golf Clubs (limited to 2)
- Hockey Sticks
- Ski Poles



Novelty Bats Allowed

- Bats that are more than 24 inches and more than 24 ounces are prohibited in carry-on.
- Bats more than 24 inches in length and less than 24 ounces are permitted in carry-on luggage.

