

Some air carriers place restrictions on luggage

SOME airlines have placed restrictions on the baggage allowance for travellers until the new year, given the increase in passengers during the Christmas season.

In the case of American Airlines/American Eagle, an embargo has been placed on boxes and overweight or excess luggage for persons traveling from the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, but not for those travelling from the Donald Sangster Airport in Montego Bay, St James.

The embargo that is reinstated each year around this time, was placed on November 20 and will last until January 9. It means that only a carryon and two other pieces of luggage weighing 50 pounds each will be allowed for each traveller.

“Whether you’re travelling to visit loved ones or making one last business deal, we want to make sure that your checked bags arrive at your destination with you this busy travel season. For that reason, American Airlines and American Eagle will implement limitations on checked baggage and boxes for all southbound flights,” the airline said on it’s website.

Caribbean Airlines-Air Jamaica have also instituted restrictions on boxes and luggage in excess of the free allowance from December 10 to January 8 for all Jamaican routes. Travellers are only allowed their carry-on plus two luggages not weighing above 50 pounds.

Meanwhile, passengers travelling to Jamaica on Cayman Airways Ltd will be restricted to only two pieces not exceeding 55 pounds each, although there is no restriction placed on those travelling from Jamaica to the Cayman Islands.

“...You pay for excess baggage, there is no guarantee that you will get it on the same flight that you are on,” a representative from the airline told the Observer.

Not all airlines have placed an embargo on boxes, overweight or excess baggage for passengers. Among those that have not instituted a restriction are Air Canada, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, and Delta Airlines.

