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Eurostar – Travelling with Fencing Equipment/Swords

To whom it may concern

British Fencing has received confirmation from the Eurostar Traveller Team on the 24th June 2022 on the Eurostar arrangements for travelling with Fencing Equipment (including metal fencing swords).

In summary:

Q: Can I take fencing equipment on board?

A: Yes, you can take fencing sword onboard with you as part of your luggage allowance as long as they are in a protective case (eg a fencing bag)

Q: Will I be required to use the luggage wagon or a pre-booking system because I am carrying fencing swords in my luggage?

A: No

Copies of Relevant Emails

From: Traveller Care - General <traveller.care@eurostar.com>

Date: Wednesday, 22 June 2022 at 13:14

To: Head Office <headoffice@britishfencing.com>

Subject: RE: scanned letter

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your letter. Firstly I would like to apologise for the length of time it has taken to respond to you. We have received a higher than usual volume of contact, which has meant we have been unable to reply as quickly as we would like.

I have checked with our security team for you and I can confirm we can take fencing swords onboard, as long as they are carried in a protective case. This has been the case for quite some years, so please let me know if there is a reason that you believed that you could not take them.

I hope this explains everything for you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Lisa

From: Traveller Care - General <traveller.care@eurostar.com>
Date: Thursday, 23 June 2022 at 09:12
To: Head Office <headoffice@britishfencing.com>
Subject: Re: scanned letter

Thank you for your reply.

Having spoken to our head of security yesterday, he has confirmed that we recently had a group of 50 fencers all with the fencing equipment travelled. I believe the wording on the website is being mis interpreted and I can assure you that you are more than welcome to travel with them as long as they are in the case.

We did have an incident a short while ago where one of the managers was not aware of this, however this has now been rectified.

You are more than welcome to give them a copy of this email when they travel if needed, to put their mind at ease, however they will be fine to travel.

I hope this clarifies everything for you.

Kind regards,

Lisa

And on further request to clarify why some of our members had been forced to pre-book or use the luggage wagon:

“From investigating further, it would seem we had an internal document that had not been updated since our Euro Despatch had been closed and therefore this is where the incorrect advice has come from. I apologise for any inconvenience caused, this document is now being updated.

Moving forward there should be no issues with the information provided or travelling onboard.”