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Some 442 passengers were arrested for drunken behaviour in two years, The Sun reports.

Exempt from the Licensing Act 2003, airports can serve alcohol around the clock.

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And the morning pint before catching a flight is something of British tradition even if it baffles just about every other nation.

But pre-midday drinking could soon be off the holiday schedule.

Aviation Minister Lord Ahmad heard that budget airline Jet2.com was plagued by 536 alcohol-related incidents last summer.

British largest pubs chain Wetherspoon's said restrictions on licensing at airports were not necessary as its staff knew not to serve drunk people.

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