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AAPA CARRIERS SUPPORT NEW SECURITY INITIATIVES

In response to the heightened aviation security measures in the UK and the US, the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) said in a statement:

Safety and security are always a top priority for airlines, and our member airlines are fully cooperating with the relevant authorities in implementing the new measures announced by the UK and US, in particular the tightened restrictions on hand-carried baggage.

All flights to and from the USA are now subject to additional security measures as required by the US DHS/TSA, including additional screening of passengers immediately before boarding.

Outbound flights from the UK are subject to strict limitations on cabin baggage as specified by UK DfT. Passengers inbound to the UK, particularly those intending to connect to onward flights, are also being advised of the new requirements, and encouraged to travel with a minimum of carry-on items.

Passengers should also be prepared to encounter longer check-in procedures on the flights concerned.

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Commenting on these developments, Mr Andrew Herdman, Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines said:

“Inevitably, these new measures have resulted in some disruption at airports, occasional flight delays and inconvenience to passengers. Our member airlines are doing everything they can to minimise the impact on the travelling public, and working closely with airports and the relevant authorities to restore smooth operations. However, we appreciate the kind understanding of passengers and thank them for their patience and forbearance. Travellers can be confident that air travel remains safe and secure.”

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Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) :

The AAPA is a grouping of 17 scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. It is the trade association of the region's airlines, created to represent their interests and to provide a forum for all members to exchange information and views on matters of common concern. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, AAPA member airlines carry approximately one-fifth of global passenger traffic and one-third of global cargo traffic, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation. For more information about the AAPA, please visit www.aapairlines.org.

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