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### **Air Canada Releases Sustainability Report Highlighting Progress and Continued Commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)**

Air Canada on August 17, 2020 issued its 2019 corporate sustainability report Citizens of the World, outlining the airline's progress in key areas of sustainability, including some 2020 updates. In addition to committing to the Global Reporting Initiative, recognized as a leader in sustainability reporting standards, Air Canada also supports and promotes the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Through three fundamental sustainability pillars – Our Business, Our People, Our Planet, all centred around the airline's core priority of Safety First, Always, Air Canada is proud to share the positive impact of its initiatives on issues that matter most.

*Air Canada Releases Sustainability Report Highlighting Progress and Continued Commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), August 17, 2020, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

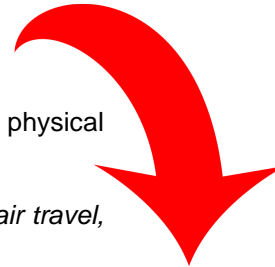
### **Government of Canada releases Canada's Flight Plan for safe air travel**

On August 14, 2020, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, announced Canada's Flight Plan for Navigating COVID-19 (Canada's Flight Plan), which is the foundation for Canada's current and future efforts to reduce the public health risks of COVID-19 while travelling by aircraft. Key changes apply to all aspects of air travel, including in airports and aircraft. They include travel restrictions; mandatory use of face masks for passengers and crew; mandatory health checks by air carriers prior to passenger boarding; temperature screening at the busiest Canadian airports and at points of origin for all incoming flights to Canada; restricted services and passenger movement during flights; and enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols and practices. In airports, these designs and measures include enhanced air conditioning and filtration systems; frequent cleaning of high-touch areas;

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new touchless technologies to scan boarding passes; and physical distancing measures.

*Government of Canada releases Canada's Flight Plan for safe air travel, August 14, 2020, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

### **Air Canada, WestJet, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, and Vancouver Airport Authority Jointly Comment on Transport Canada's Flight Plan for Navigating COVID-19**

Canada's two largest airlines and two largest airports today welcomed Transport Canada's long-awaited Flight Plan for Navigating COVID-19 as a major step forward in restarting Canada's air travel industry by confirming the country's biosafety standards. The document is a clear endorsement of biosafety programs already put in place by Air Canada, WestJet, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and the Vancouver Airport Authority.

*Air Canada, WestJet, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, and Vancouver Airport Authority Jointly Comment on Transport Canada's Flight Plan for Navigating COVID-19, August 14, 2020, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)*

### **Canada's airports welcome Flight Plan, the government's new guidelines for safe air travel**

The Canadian Airports Council welcomes Minister Garneau's release of Flight Plan for Navigating COVID-19 (Canada's Flight Plan), the foundation for Canada's current and future efforts to reduce the public health risks of COVID-19 while travelling by aircraft, especially important when jurisdictions both within Canada and beyond begin to lift travel restrictions.

Canada's airports welcome Flight Plan, the government's new guidelines for safe air travel, August 14, 2020, [www.cacairports.ca](http://www.cacairports.ca)

## How Air Canada beat US airlines removing seats for cargo

It took the Federal Aviation Administration two months to authorize U.S. airlines to remove seats from passenger aircraft for cargo purposes. Air Canada received its governmental OK in a week. Industry urgency to innovate also was greater north of the border. Canada's flag carrier was already flying cabin-loaded flights by mid-April, one month before U.S. carriers even applied through their trade association to remove seats from their airplanes. The delay may have cost U.S. carriers their window of opportunity to maximize returns from transforming aircraft in response to space shortages caused by the withdrawal of passenger service due to the coronavirus.

How Air Canada beat US airlines removing seats for cargo, August 14, 2020, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)

## Mid-June 2020 U.S. Passenger Airline Employment Down Over 1,000 FTEs from Mid-May

The 23 U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 0.3% fewer full-time equivalents (FTEs) in mid-June 2020 than in mid-May 2020: 1) Mid-June's total number of FTEs (410,594) was down over 1,000 FTEs from mid-May 2020 (411,817 FTEs) and down more than 49,000 FTEs from mid-March 2020. It was the lowest FTE total for any month since May 2016 (410,338 FTEs). 2) Mid-June 2020 FTEs were down more than 39,000 FTEs (-8.7%) from June 2019 (449,775 FTEs).

Mid-June 2020 U.S. Passenger Airline Employment Down Over 1,000 FTEs from Mid-May, August 19, 2020, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)

## Air Cargo Down 5% Between the U.S. and Foreign Points, June 2020 (Preliminary)

U.S. and foreign airlines carried 5% less cargo by weight between the U.S. and foreign points in June 2020 than in June 2019, despite a rise of almost 11% in cargo between the U.S. and Asia, according to data filed with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) by large air carriers. June's 2020 decline was smaller than year-over-year decreases in

March 2020 (down 17%), April 2020 (down 16%) and May 2020 (down 14%).

Air Cargo Down 5% Between the U.S. and Foreign Points, June 2020 (Preliminary), August 18, 2020, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)

## U.S Department of Transportation modifies Order Regarding Chinese Carriers

On August 18, 2020, the Department of Transportation issued an Order to allow the four Chinese airlines currently performing scheduled passenger services to the United States to increase their services to eight weekly round-trip flights. This aggregate level of service is equivalent to the total number of flights now permitted by the Chinese aviation authorities for U.S. carriers.

U.S Department of Transportation modifies Order Regarding Chinese Carriers, August 18, 2020, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)

## Happy Days in Economy: B747 Main Deck Lounges by Jennifer Cou tts Clay, Author Jetliner Cabins

The Boeing 747-100 main deck lounges flown in the 1970s by airlines such as Pan Am and Continental were a special passenger experience. [Click here to read the publication.](#)

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