



Tarmac Delay Emergency Contingency Plan



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This Tarmac Delay Emergency Contingency Plan is prepared by Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. ABIA is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport and this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Scott Madole at Scott.Madole@austintexas.gov.

Airport Information

ABIA is a medium hub airport located in Central Texas. It serves as a primary diversion airport for Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and George Bush Intercontinental Airport and as well as Dallas Love and Houston Hobby Airports. The terminal has 1 ramp level and 24 contact gates. In addition to the gates, parking space for aircraft is available on the terminal apron RON positions and on a large Maintenance Ramp.

An Airport Operations Duty Officer is available on a 24/7 basis at (512) 530-845-7336. Information is also available 24/7 through the Department of Aviation Communications Center at (512) 530-2242.

Purpose

This plan describes how, during excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, ABIA will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

ABIA does not own any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. Airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines that have incurred excessive tarmac delays as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. The Austin Fire Department Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Station on the site does own an airstairs and airport personnel are trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using this specific equipment, if it is available.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

All but three gates at ABIA are under preferential long term lease to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport. The gates at ABIA that are under preferential lease to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport during those time periods when the tenant's usage of that gate meets the usage specified in the preferential use lease. We may be able to direct/request a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased gated during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates. We will direct/request our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate during those time periods the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practicable.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area Following Excessive Tarmac Delays for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

ABIA has defined sterile area in the terminal that is capable of accommodating up to 250 international passengers. We will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border

Protection to be deplaned into this sterile area following excessive tarmac delays to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

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