

Expiry - The contents and any quotes contained in this media release must not be used after one week from the date of issue.

NEWS RELEASE

18 January 2010

Additional security measures at Guernsey Airport

NEW security measures introduced at all UK airports with effect from 15 January 2010 will apply in the Bailiwick, but passengers at Guernsey or Alderney Airport are unlikely to be unduly affected at present.

The UK Secretary of State for Transport recently announced additional requirements to be introduced at UK airports. It is part of review of aviation security following the unsuccessful attempt by terrorists to blow up a transatlantic aircraft on Christmas Day.

Guernsey Airport director Colin Le Ray said that given the current relatively low volume of passengers, these additional measures could be incorporated locally within existing security provisions. It is therefore unlikely to have a major impact on people travelling from the island.

However the additional security could cause further delays at UK airports, and Mr Le Ray advised local travellers to leave themselves plenty of time when flying back to the island.

‘Given the passenger numbers that we tend to be dealing with at this time of year, we should be able to cope with existing security staff without any significant impact. Delays may be more likely though for passengers returning to the island from the UK, so anyone travelling should check with their airline for the latest advice,’ he said.

Mr Le Ray said there could be longer queues at Guernsey Airport when passenger numbers increase later in the year. Some restructuring was already planned within the next few weeks to improve flow through the security comb and to help improve the efficiency of the operation.

If the revised procedures remain in force toward Easter, additional resources may be required within the search combs. However everything would be done to avoid unnecessary extra costs.

For further information, please contact:-

Jim Anderson
01481 717109
mobile 07781 108325
Jim.Anderson@gov.gg