

BIRMINGHAM-SHUTTLESWORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BHM) EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

BHM has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Jim Payne, Director of Operations & Planning, Birmingham Airport Authority at jpayne@flybirmingham.com. BHM is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, BHM 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).
- Due to current construction, BHM has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and maintain the airport's safe operation, and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at 205-599-0519 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following:
- BHM has limited parking space for diverted aircraft. All gates at BHM are used by air carriers. 4 "hard stand" parking positions are available near the passenger terminal. These spaces can accommodate up to design group III aircraft. Additional space, including space for up to design group V aircraft, exists for diverted aircraft, but these spaces are not near the passenger terminal or any other facility to allow for deplaning of passengers.
 - BHM currently has no facility to maintain sterile holding of international passengers. No open buildings exist on the airport that would facilitate handling and separation of deplaned international passengers. This condition will be remedied in January 2013 with the opening of the FIS facility.

Airport Information

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Date of submission of plan: _____

Airport Category: Large Hub Medium Hub Small Hub Non Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Center at 205-599-0519 for assistance.

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

BHM does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally 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 as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

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

The gates at BHM 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 a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased gate during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates as defined in the lease. We will direct 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 extent practicable and allowed by the lease.

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

BHM does not have international passenger processing facilities. Additionally, due to current construction, no space exists on the airport which could be suitably separated and established as a temporary sterile area. We have coordinated with local CBP, who agrees that no such space exists. In January of 2013, BHM will open a newly constructed FIS facility and at that time will have a defined sterile area capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. At that time, BHM 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 these sterile areas to the extent practicable. Until January of 2013, it is not practical to allow international passengers to deplane at BHM.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

BHM will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.flybirmingham.com>)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.
- Advertising the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.