

SDF Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan

General Information

The Louisville Regional Airport Authority (LRAA) 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 Dillon Chado at Dillon.Chado@flylouisville.com. The LRAA is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish guidelines for the response to excessive tarmac delays. To the extent possible the LRAA will:

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

Airport Information

- Name of Airport: Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF)
- Airport Operator: Louisville Regional Airport Authority
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- FAA Airport Category: Small Hub

Contact Information

In the event of a diversion or other irregular operation, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at 502.380.8200 for assistance.

Operating Plan

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

The LRAA 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. The Airport 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.

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

The passenger boarding bridges at SDF are a combination of preferential leased gates and per turn non-leased gates. The Airport has the authority to coordinate the usage of both preferential leased gates and per turn gates, in addition to other facilities required by an air carrier experiencing extensive tarmac delays.

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

The LRAA does not have international passenger processing facilities. The LRAA will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned. Once these efforts are complete, 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 these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan (ECP)

The LRAA 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 (flylouisville.com)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.