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To our valued overseas agents and friends,

Below is a short update of the activity status of Israeli sea and air ports and an update of airlines and shipping companies. As of 13.8.2024

1. **Sea and air ports operation unchanged, all operate regularly.**
2. **Shipping companies / maritime services, for the time being operations are unchanged and no cancellations have been informed.**
3. **Airlines**

Background

The Transportation Ministry and Civil Aviation Authority continue to maintain that Israel's airspace is safe.

Israeli airlines El Al, Israir and Arkia have said that they will continue to operate their flights as usual and are preparing to add more flights if necessary to help stranded Israelis get home.

For the time being, Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport is working as normal, and Israel's airspace remains open.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Israel said in a statement "The security situation allows flights to and from Israel. Some of the foreign airlines have suspended or reduced their flights to Israel, for their own internal reasons".

4. **Foreign Airlines**

The past week and a half saw a cascade of flight cancellations to Israel, triggered by heightened security concerns following recent events in Lebanon and Iran.

The exodus began last week when US giants Delta and United Airlines temporarily suspended their Israel-bound flights. **United Airlines** and **Delta** have canceled flights until August 31..

Other major carriers, including Lufthansa, LOT Polish Airlines, and ITA Airways, followed suit.

The **Lufthansa Group**, which includes Swiss, Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, and Eurowings, has canceled flights until August 13.

Most of the foreign airlines carrying cargo to Israel have canceled their flights with the exception of a limited number of companies such as Silkway and HU.

Air India has suspended flights to and from Israel until October 24,

5. Israeli Airlines:

Challenge – CAL All flights take place from all destinations without change in terms of the schedule, however there may be delays in arrivals due to a back log which is a result of the flight cancellations of the foreign airlines..

EL AL Passenger flights: No change, operating as usual

Cargo flights: - 2 weekly cargo flights on a 737 plane from Frankfurt on Mondays and Thursdays, normal activity unchanged - 3 weekly cargo flights on a 737 plane from Athens on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, normal activity unchanged

El Al is operating AIRBUS300 cargo plane from Liège to Israel and back as of August 15 • Due to the large backlog created in Liège, mainly due to cancellations of foreign flights, Elal plans to operate special rescue flights (not yet confirmed)

Please note: any information detailed above is subject to changes at short notice. It is recommended to stay updated in real-time.

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