

Excerpt from RPT 20-053 CVD Cabinet Committee Meeting 18 March Notes – dated 18 March 2020

Cabinet paper: Aviation Relief Package

- 19 This paper is being presented in today's CVD committee meeting.
- 20 The paper recommends an 'aviation industry relief package' in response to COVID19 comprising a number of actions. The key components of the package that have implications for Customs are:
- 20.1 the suspension of funding reviews across all aviation and border agencies for the next 12 months
- 20.2 Government financial support to airlines to pay passenger-based government charges for 6 months
- 21 s 18(d) OIA - information requested is or will soon be publicly available
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- 23 How the provision of financial support to airlines to pay passenger-based government charges will work in practice is yet to be worked through. We understand that the proposal is that airlines will still pay the appropriate fees to border and aviation agencies, but will then be reimbursed by the Government. This means that there will be no change to our current mechanisms for charging our border fees.
- 24 s 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA
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- 25 Goods that travel by air freight include pharmaceuticals and other urgent supplies that are needed for the COVID-19 response. Customs notes the importance of maintaining air services so that this freight can continue to flow.