

PRESS RELEASE
MOVING LONDON-ACCRA-LONDON BOUND BRITISH AIRWAYS (BA)
FLIGHTS FROM LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT TO GATWICK
AIRPORT

The Ministry of Aviation wishes to inform the general public that the management of British Airways (BA) recently communicated through a letter to the Ministry that the airline has taken a decision to operate the British Airways Ghana Services from London Gatwick Airport. This means that all London-Accra-London bound BA flights would originate and terminate at London Gatwick Airport. BA, in the same communication, indicated that the new schedule is expected to start in the forthcoming summer.

Following this, the Ministry of Aviation convened a meeting at the instance of the then Minister, Hon. Joseph Kofi Adda, to discuss the matter and to register its displeasure about the way and manner the decision was being taken without due consultation with the Ghanaian Authorities. At the said meeting, the BA team promised to provide further information and data analysis to support their reason for the changes of their services from London Heathrow Airport to London Gatwick Airport and to enable Government of Ghana to take a final position on the matter. **The BA team is yet to provide any information as promised.**

Consequently, the Ministry, in a letter to the BA Authorities, rejected the changes and categorically informed British Airways that “For the Avoidance of doubt, we are unable to accept the change in the London-Accra-London flights originating from Gatwick Airport”.

By this Press Release, we wish to assure the general public that the Government of Ghana does not support the stance of BA, and the Ministry of Aviation is engaging the BA Authorities to rescind their decision and respect the position of the Government of Ghana and uphold the mutual interest of the two countries.

The general public will be updated on further engagement with the British Airways Authorities on the matter.

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