

## **In response to the Covid-19 epidemic situation, airlines had to use the 'ghost flight' method to maintain operations.**

A flight with only the pilot and crew, absolutely no other passengers.



Economic analysts continue to predict that demand for air travel will continue to decline, reaching the lowest level since the time of the economic crisis in 2008. According to information from the International Air Transport Association ( IATA), the aviation industry will lose USD 113 billion in revenue if the Covid-19 epidemic does not subside.

In the situation where nobody dares to go to the airport, the airlines have to rely on 'ghost flights' to maintain operations; these are aircraft 'passengers' takeoffs, with the sole purpose of reserving at the airport for future trips.

At a crowded airport, the cost of a place to fly will be very expensive, so airlines still use 'ghost flights' to reserve seats, because the cost of operating the aircraft is cheaper than the cost. parking area. Each airline owns a certain time frame to take and pick up the aircraft; airlines spend a lot of money to own the best flight hours, and if they do not operate the aircraft during this time, other carriers will quickly 'lift their upper hand'.

The only way it can do it is to fly the plane without passengers. This method of booking seats is perfectly valid and also a 'routine in the district', but the cost of operating a series of passenger airplanes is extremely expensive, not to mention that each flight emits tons of CO2.

In the context that the Covid-19 epidemic is widespread and air travel rates have declined significantly, many British airlines are eager to temporarily suspend the reservation rules to avoid operating unmanned aircraft. IATA is also putting an order for the airport to halt the application of this law, to help ' *airlines respond to market conditions in reasonable ways* '.



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