



News Release

LATEST UPDATE: UNEXPECTED TURBULENCE ON MK 640

Air Mauritius flight MK 640 operated by an Airbus A340-300 aircraft, with 291 passengers and 14 crew members on board, departed Mauritius on 29th August 2007 at 1839 GMT and reached Hong Kong on 30th August at 0445 GMT. About one hour before landing, and while breakfast service was being conducted, the aircraft encountered some unexpected turbulence.

Fifteen passengers and five crew members were sent to Princess Margaret Hospital in Hong Kong for examination and/or treatment.

Thirteen of these passengers and the five crew members were released on the same day. Two passengers remained under observation and were released this morning.

Some passengers were also sent to the airport clinic and were released on the same day.

There was some damage to some cabin equipment and some aircraft cabin panels. The aircraft was released for service after inspection by our engineers in Hong Kong and operated the return flight. MK 641/30 Aug left Hong Kong at 0842 GMT and arrived in Mauritius on 30th August 2007 at 1730 GMT with 265 passengers on board.

The first priority of Air Mauritius team members in Hong Kong has been to look after the passengers requiring attention on arrival. They were supported in this task by crew members who stayed on after the flight to assist at the hospital during the whole day. Personalised assistance was provided for either communication with relatives, stay in Hong Kong or continuation of journey. A group of passengers released from hospital was provided a coach to Guangzhou and were accompanied by an Air Mauritius team member who ensured all went well during the journey.



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Air Mauritius will continue to look after the well being of all passengers who have been affected by this unexpected incident.

An investigation has been initiated by the Company and a further statement will be issued if necessary.

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