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Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan

Pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 112(a), 19 U.S.C. 1433(c), and 19 CFR 122.32, DHS has the authority to limit the locations where flights entering the United States from abroad may land. Under this authority, and effective for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, all operators of aircraft must ensure that all **identified travelers** who have recently traveled from (within 21 days), or were otherwise present within, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan only land at the following airport:

- Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Virginia

Identified travelers should not be permitted to board unless their travel itinerary indicates the first point of entry into the United States at Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD).

This direction is subject to any changes to the airport landing destination that may be required for aircraft and/or airspace safety as directed by the Federal Aviation Administration. This direction considers a person to have recently traveled from the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan if that person departed from, or was otherwise present within, the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan, within 21 days of the date of the person's entry or attempted entry into the United States.

Exception: Crew and flights carrying only cargo are not restricted to arriving solely at IAD.

Arrival restrictions continue until cancelled or modified by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and notice of such cancellation or modification is published in the Federal Register.

Violations impose unnecessary challenges to public health. To address errors and ensure consistent compliance with CBP requirements, absent exigent or unusual circumstances, penalties will be pursued against carriers failing to comply with directive.

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