



ENAIRe gives priority to flights carrying medical supplies and to repatriation operations

- As a critical and essential operator of the State, ENAIRe is focusing its efforts on flights carrying respirators, test kits and PPE, as well as on flights to repatriate Spaniards who were abroad and are able to return to our country
- Between 23 March and now, the air navigation manager has been expediting any charity and repatriation operations being undertaken by airlines such as Iberia and Air Europa, and companies like Inditex and Mango, in concert with various ministries of the Government of Spain

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ENAIRe is currently giving priority to cargo flights carrying healthcare materials intended to combat the coronavirus and COVID-19.

ENAIRe's air controllers, operations and maintenance technicians and engineers, cognizant of the need for us all to do our part, are making a special effort, from the control centres and towers, to ensure that flights arrive as soon as possible at their destination.

Most of these flights involve cargo aeroplanes from China, with respirators, test kits, surgical masks, personal protective equipment, overcoats, gloves, glasses and protective shields, machinery for making masks, raw materials, and headboards and footboards for hospital beds.

As a critical operator of the State, ENAIRe's professionals are handling and prioritising all essential cargo and emergency flights 24 hours a day.

ENAIRe is actively and jointly participating in managing the cargo flights operated by the Ministry of Defence and Iberia and Air Europa airlines, which are carrying goods from China and the Czech Republic.

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For example, Iberia has chartered several dozen special flights to repatriate more than 6,000 people, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It has also launched the Health Air Corridor initiative, organised and managed together with the Spanish Federation of Health Technology Companies (Fenin), the Oesía Group and Iberia, in concert with four ministries - Health, Foreign Affairs, Finance and Industry, Trade and Tourism - which is allowing cargo flights with medical equipment intended for public and private hospitals to arrive in Spain.

Military, airline and corporate flights

The **military flights** include an A400M that landed on Monday, 30 March, at the military base in Torrejón de Ardoz after having taken off from Zaragoza on Saturday the 28th en route to Shanghai (China). On board the plane were 14 tonnes of healthcare material, including one million rapid tests to detect coronavirus.

Another Air Force C-130 military aircraft arrived at the Torrejon base in Madrid on Sunday the 29th from the Czech Republic with 10,000 PPE units.

For its part, the airline **Iberia** opened a health corridor with China on Saturday, 28 March, resulting in the arrival of three flights, one each on Monday the 30th, Tuesday the 31st and Wednesday the 1st of April. The three planes carried a total of 90,000 tonnes of material.

Not to be outdone, a flight operated by the airline **Air Europa** landed on Saturday, 28 March at the Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport with 1.2 million masks from China.

An Atlas Air Boeing 747-400 also landed on 23 March at the Zaragoza Airport with 1,396,000 masks and 74,650 protective suits that the Spanish multinational **Inditex** donated to health authorities to prevent the spread of coronavirus amongst the health personnel who are fighting this epidemic. The Jumbo plane arrived from Zhengzhou (China) after a refuelling stop at the Almaty Airport (Kazakhstan).

The textile firm **Mango** also chartered an aeroplane that landed on Tuesday the 31st at the Zaragoza Airport with two million masks that it is donating to the Ministry of Health.



About ENAIRe

ENAIRe is the company of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda that manages air navigation in Spain. It renders aerodrome control services at 21 airports, including the busiest in terms of air traffic, plus en-route and approach control, from five control centres: Barcelona, Madrid, Gran Canaria, Palma and Seville. In addition, ENAIRe provides communications, navigation and surveillance services to 45 air control towers.

In 2019, ENAIRe handled 2.1 million flights to and from four continents (Europe, America, Asia and Africa), transporting 300 million passengers.

ENAIRe is the fourth most important European air navigation service provider, and, in a clear commitment to the Single Sky initiative, belongs to international partnerships such as SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research) Joint Undertaking, SESAR Deployment Manager, A6, iTEC, CANSO (Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation) and ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization).