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Update: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Screening of Individuals with Travel Nexus to Republic of Uganda

In response to the recent outbreak of Ebola in the Republic of Uganda, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), issued a rule effective October 11, 2022, that requires all flights with arriving international travelers identified as having been present in the Republic of Uganda within the last 21 days (in-scope traveler) to be directed to one of the following five designated airports:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport(JFK), New York
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), New Jersey
- Washington-Dulles International Airport(IAD), Virginia
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Georgia
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD), Illinois

Recent analysis of flight arrivals reveals a few instances of airline non-compliance resulting in passengers arriving at CBP ports of entry other than those designated. These violations impose unnecessary challenges to public health. To address errors and ensure consistent compliance of CBP requirements, absent exigent or unusual circumstances, penalties will be pursued against the carrier for each flight arriving at an undesignated airport due to funneling requirements.

CBP's authority to impose flight funneling requirements is held under 19 U.S.C. 1433(c), and as such, penalties for violations of this section are pursued under 19 U.S.C. 1436, which provides for civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with, among other things, section 1433.

All crew, including those flights carrying only cargo (i.e., no passengers or non-crew), are excluded from these measures.

For additional information on Ebola and the CDC response, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov>.