

NEWSFLASH!

TORONTO AIRPORT TO CHANGE GATE SIGNAGE TONIGHT

All signage at the airport is due to change tonight. **On Jan. 31, Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) will switch to an alpha-numeric gate lounge numbering system.**

THE CHANGE

Today, gate numbers inside Terminal 1 start with a "1" or a "2" followed by two more numbers. As of Jan. 31, the first number ("1" or "2") will be replaced by a letter that signifies the sector and will be followed by two numbers. The letters will be:

- D for Domestic
- E for International
- F for USA

For example:

- Gate 120 is Domestic, as of Jan. 31: D20
- Gate 161 is Transborder, as of Jan 31: F61
- Gate 174 is International, as of Jan 31: E74

The 200 gate series (Gate 193 Extension) will follow the "F" gate numbering system and will have new gate numbers.

The GTAA plans to change all the signage on the night of January 30.

SPANAIR RUN OUT OF FUNDS; CEASES OPERATIONS

Loss-making Spanish airline Spanair ceased operations on Friday night (Jan. 27/12), grounding all its airplanes after its owner, citing the country's economic crisis, said it would not sink any more money into the company.

Spanair, Spain's No. 4 airline, has struggled for some years to compete with the rising number of low-cost carriers operating in the country.

"Due to the lack of financial stability in the coming months, the company has opted to cease operating its flights," Spanair said in a statement. Flights were stopped as of Friday night.

POSSIBLE STRIKE AT AIRPORTS IN FRANCE

French airports could go on strike in February. French aviation workers' unions have said they would **strike between Feb 6 and 9** to protest a government bill aiming to make it more difficult for the sector to take industrial action.

"All trades are united in this call: pilots, navigators, mechanics and ground staff," said Yves Deshayes of the main SNPL pilots' union.

The French parliament is debating the bill put forward by Eric Diard from President Nicolas Sarkozy's right-wing UMP party to legislate air strikes. It notably **requires each worker to give 48 hours notice if they are to join a strike.**

Travel Resources continues to monitor the situation and will provide our clients with information as it becomes available.

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