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Glasgow Airport plane cordoned off after leaking vaccines spark emergency response

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Two passengers were treated by paramedics and a KLM plane was cordoned off at Glasgow Airport after a massive emergency response was sparked by a package containing vaccines.

KLM has confirmed the package in question contained vaccines, packed in dry ice, which began leaking.

A spokesperson told [Glasgow Live](#): "KLM confirms that on board KL1473, operating between Amsterdam and Glasgow, a package packed in dry ice started to leak.

"The package contained glass tubes with vaccines. These tubes have remained intact with only the cooling around them starting to leak.

"As a precaution, the fire brigade cordoned off the immediate vicinity of the aircraft."



© Twitter Passengers were evacuated from the international area

Eyewitnesses said police, ambulance and fire engines had gathered near the runway after there were 'concerns' over a cargo spillage.

Around 20 firefighters were believed to be at the scene where the aircraft is being inspected.

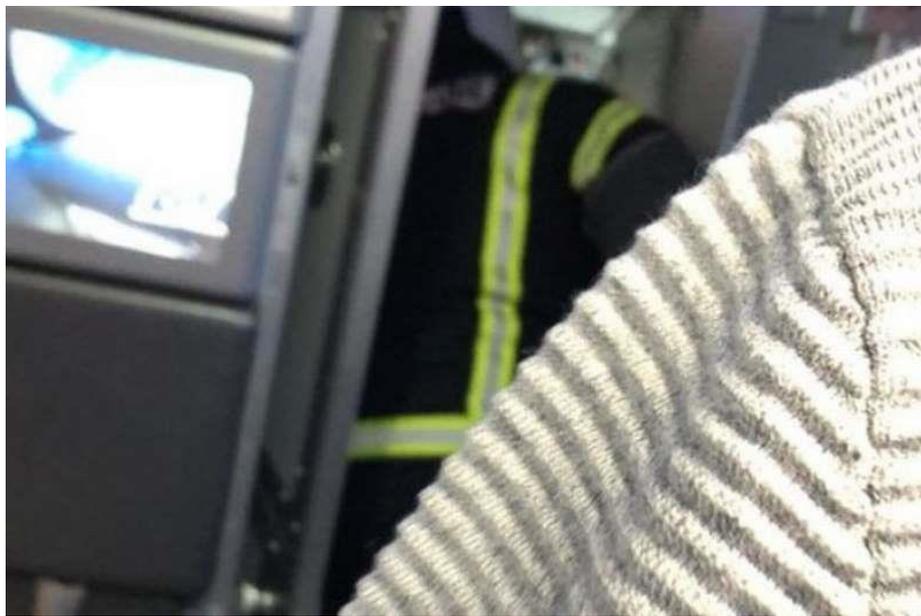


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Twitter The scene on the runway The incident was stood down at around 1:30pm.

KLM added: "Passengers were never in danger but were taken off board as a precaution.

"The incident was stood down at 13.30 after the package was declared safe by emergency services."



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Twitter Firefighters board the plane

A spokesperson for Glasgow Airport said: "At approximately 10am today, the airport fire service attended an arriving KLM flight in response to concerns raised over a piece of cargo.

"The incident was stood down at 13.25 after the package was declared safe by emergency services."



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In a statement from Police Scotland, they said: "Police were called around 11.15am on Friday 4 October to a report of a spillage from cargo on board a plane at Glasgow Airport.

"Emergency services are in attendance and the package is being examined. "

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesperson said: "We are in attendance with our emergency services partners at a reported cargo spillage incident at Glasgow airport.

"Our special operations response team and an ambulance were dispatched, and our crews are currently working on scene. Two passengers were checked on scene as a precaution."



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@evoscott/Twitter Emergency services on the runway

Passengers took to [Twitter](#) as they were held inside the airport.

Lousie said: "Waiting at Glasgow airport, have been evacuated off plane and staff now giving out water and people being escorted in groups of 8 to use the toilet on the plane."

The flight was reportedly travelling to Glasgow from Amsterdam.



The aircraft is understood to have been cordoned off while an inspection took place.

Traffic Scotland said the M8 junction for Glasgow Airport was reportedly closed due to the ongoing incident, before being fully reopened.