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## News Release

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### **Cathay Pacific to Reinstate Transit Flights Through Anchorage**

Flights to Begin Saturday March 16th

Anchorage, March 14, 2002 -- Cathay Pacific Airways and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport announce the return of Cathay's international transit flights through Anchorage beginning on March 16th. The flights will return after nearly six months of operating through Vancouver, Canada after new Customs regulations were implemented after September 11th.

The international in-transit flights are able to return after U.S. Customs and the Immigration and Naturalization Service restored the ITI (International-to-International) Transit program. The program applies only to carriers operating from an international origin to an international destination.

Morton V. Plumb Jr., Airport Director, said that Governor Knowles and the congressional delegation have worked for several months with both U.S. Customs and INS officials in Washington, DC to reinstate the ITI program as well as progressive clearance in Alaska. While the reinstatement of the ITI program is a major milestone in returning some of the international flights to Anchorage, progressive clearance is still needed to lessen the inconvenience for the other carriers, like Korean Air, China Airlines and Asiana and to expedite transit stops through Anchorage.

Cathay Pacific Airways has announced that they will operate two passenger flights per day through Anchorage.

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