

Flynas sets new inflight safety standard

Flynas a Low cost Airlines from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has taken the lead in dealing with MERS, SARS inflight by ensuring aircraft disinfection.

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Flynas, an award winning leading low cost airline of Saudi Arabia has set new standards to in-flight safety, by adding Virus Guard disinfectant wet wipes and sprays to its in-flight hygiene, to protect passengers from any known threats from dangerous viruses, including Ebola, Avian Influenza, and MERS.

In a region where MERS cases are on the rapid rise, and with over 1,000 cases reported to date, Flynas say they are determined to do all they can to help protect their passengers and crew from cross contamination of MERS and other viruses.

Flynas spokesperson Mrs Eman Yusuf, in-flight services and on-board product manager, said: "
Flynas will use the special wet wipes and sprays to disinfect all surface areas on board the aircraft such as galleys, ovens, lavatories, lavatory door handles, passenger tray tables, overhead bins, window blinds, seat pockets, armrests and so on. We make passenger safety and comfort a top priority and using Virus Guard will reassure them we are doing all we can to combat cross contamination."

Easy to use wipes

It has long been recognised that air travel can facilitate the spread of dangerous pathogens, and recent outbreaks of potentially deadly viruses such as MERS and Ebola have heightened concerns that the cleaning procedures used by many airlines simply aren't good enough. Virus Guard comes in packs of easy to use wet-wipes that contain a powerful anti-bacterial, anti-viral, and anti-fungal ingredient that remains active for up to ten days.

Company spokesperson for Virus Guard, Alex sahni, said the move was great news for passengers and crew who are worried about being affected by one of these viruses on international flights.

"This is a bold and welcome step by Flynas to start disinfecting their aircraft using Virus Guard. Typically, aircraft surfaces used or touched by passengers are rarely or never disinfected, but because our product is simple to use and extremely effective for up to 10 days, we're confident it can help to eliminate the risk of cross contamination. We hope that other airlines will follow Flynas's example and offer passengers added protection from diseases like MERS, Swine Flu, Bird Flu."

Effective against a range of viruses

Virus Guard, which was launched at this year's Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg, come in convenient packs of 20 and 50 and are similar in application to wet wipes. When used, the wipe leaves a microscopic layer on surfaces that actively protects against a wide range of viruses and kills both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, as well as vegetative cells and fungus.

The wet wipes can be used by cleaning staff and crew and could also be issued to passengers to sanitize their own armrests, tray tables, or seats. The product stirred a lot of interest at the Expo in Hamburg. Flynas, who signed a deal with Virus Guard to use their product, consolidated its position as one of the foremost carriers in the Middle East, after being presented with the 'Middle East's

leading low-cost airline' award at the World Travel Awards in Dubai, in May.

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