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The Virgin Australia Group has welcomed today's decision by the Federal Government to extend its international aviation network in order to transport essential freight and bring more Australians home.

As part of the underwritten agreement, Virgin Australia will operate one return service per week between Brisbane and Los Angeles until 07 June 2020.

The flights will ensure priority goods and general freight capacity between Australia and the US remains available throughout the COVID-19 outbreak as well as ensure Australians are able to return home.

Virgin Australia Group Chief Operating Officer Stuart Aggs said, "The Federal Government's decision to extend the international aviation network will ensure key airfreight links remain open to support local and state economies and the repatriation of Australians abroad.

"In the past month, Virgin Australia has helped to bring hundreds of Australians home, and has transported approximately 380 tonnes of airfreight, including all-important medical and personal protective equipment from Asia to Australia, and perishable food supplies such as Australian meat and produce to the world.

"Despite what are undoubtedly challenging times for the aviation industry and the significant

reduction in capacity due to COVID-19, we are pleased to be able to maintain this connection between Australia and the United States.”

Virgin Australia services to Hong Kong which were part of the international aviation network agreement ended on Sunday 3 May 2020.

Los Angeles passenger services will be available for booking at virginaustralia.com later today, while cargo bookings can be made through the Virgin Australia Cargo team on 13 82 87 or cargo@virginaustralia.com [3]

Flight schedule for Brisbane – Los Angeles

Brisbane – Los Angeles, VA 7, Depart: 11:05 Arrive: 07:10 Saturday
Los Angeles – Brisbane, VA 6, Depart: 13:30 Arrive: 20:30+1 Sunday

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