

Important Information Regarding: Qantas A380 Grounding of Flights

Issued: 05th November 2010

Applies to all Cover-More products

The following advice relates to policies issued before the 5th November 2010.

Qantas has issued a statement on the 4th November 2010 which states (in part):

“A Qantas A380 aircraft operating QF32 from Singapore to Sydney experienced an engine issue soon after take off and returned to Singapore.

Qantas Chief Executive Officer, Alan Joyce said Qantas would suspend A380 services until we are confident that Qantas safety requirements have been met.

Passengers on affected flights will be accommodated on alternative flights. Regular updates will be provided.”

TRAVEL DELAY

There is provision to cover reasonable additional accommodation expenses if your scheduled Qantas flight has been delayed for more than 6 hours due to the grounding of the A380 aircraft. You must however take all reasonable steps to minimise your claim and keep itemised receipts for additional accommodation expenses. Customers affected by the delay should first seek compensation from Qantas.

AMENDMENT/ CANCELLATION COSTS OR ADDITIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES

Please be aware of the following exclusion under the section “Amendment or Cancellation Costs” which states:

“We Will Not Pay For:

Claims caused by:

1. Transport Provider caused cancellations, delays or rescheduling other than when caused by strikes.”

As the delays/ cancellations were caused by Qantas’ decision to ground its A380 flights, unfortunately there is no provision to claim for amendment/ cancellation costs under any Cover-More policy.

In addition there is no provision to claim for additional travel expenses under the Additional Expenses section of the policy as this is not a defined covered event under this section of the policy.

Corporate and Annual Multi-Trip Policies

The above advice also applies to Corporate and Annual Multi-Trip policies, however please note there is an additional requirement that your original travel arrangements must have been booked prior to the 5/11/10.

Customers stuck overseas who cannot return home

For customers who hold a Cover-More policy issued prior to the 5th November 2010 and cannot return home on their original return date due to the grounding of their A380 flight, their policy will automatically extend free of charge to allow them to return by the quickest and most direct route.

As this extension is automatic, customers and agents do not need to do anything.

IMPORTANT - GENERAL ADVICE

This information must be read in conjunction with the Cover-More Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) as certain restrictions and exclusions apply.

These exclusions and restrictions are detailed in the Cover-More PDS and in particular we draw your attention to “The Benefits” and “We Will Not Under Any Section Pay For” sections of the PDS.

This advice will be updated if new information comes to hand.

Should you have any further enquiries please contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 72 88 22.