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Norwegian's UK Subsidiary Given Tentative Approval by US DOT for Transatlantic Operations

Norwegian welcomes news that its British subsidiary, Norwegian UK (NUK), was been given tentative approval by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for a foreign air carrier permit. The approval reaffirms that the NUK application is in full compliance with the EU-US Open Skies Agreement.

When finalized by the DOT, the permit will allow Norwegian's UK subsidiary to operate low-cost flights between the U.S. and Europe.

Once final approval is received from the DOT, NUK will be able to establish a seamless operation and more effectively utilize its long-haul fleet – this includes the use of the same aircraft on all long-haul routes, such as the U.S., Singapore, Argentina and other future long-haul markets Norwegian is looking at in Asia and South America.

“Tentative U.S. approval for our UK subsidiary is a positive step toward being able to offer millions of passengers even more new routes and lower fares,” said Norwegian CEO Bjørn Kjos. “We look forward to final DOT approval for Norwegian UK’s foreign air carrier permit soon, which will allow us to continue delivering more flights, more choice and more jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.”

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Norwegian Air is the world's fifth largest low-cost airline and carried over 36 million passengers in 2019. The airline operates more than 500 routes to over 150 destinations in Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Thailand, North and South America. Norwegian has a fleet of around 160 aircraft, with an average age of 4.6 years, making it one of the world's youngest and most fuel-efficient fleets.

Norwegian has been named the [Most Fuel-Efficient Airline on Transatlantic Routes](#) by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) twice. In 2019, the airline [saved 1.7 million metric tons of CO2 emissions](#) compared to the industry average. Norwegian has been voted 'Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline' by passengers for six consecutive years at the SkyTrax World Airline Awards 2013-2019, along with being named the ['World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline'](#) for the past five consecutive years. Norwegian employs more than 11,000 people worldwide.

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