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Boeing 737 Max Returns To The Sky

After Government Gives The Green Light

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USPA NEWS - After being grounded for nearly two years, the Boeing 737 Max has been given the approval to return to flight in Canada. Transport Canada grounded the aircraft 22 months ago after the 737 Max had been involved in two crashes overseas that claimed 346 lives.

Transport Canada announced earlier in the week that it has completed a nearly two-year review of the aircraft and has issued an "airworthiness directive" detailing a series of changes that must be made before the Max can return to Canadian airspace, which includes allowing pilots to be able to disable an alarm system found to be a factor in the crashes. Boeing 737 Max pilots will also be required to participate in additional training in flight simulators before they can operate the aircraft in Canadian airspace.

Transport Canada indicated that it will complete the process to clear the plane on Wednesday by lifting a notice to airmen (NOTAM) banning commercial flights of the Max in Canada.

Today, WestJet was the first Canadian airline to fly the Max again, with a flight between Calgary and Vancouver. The flight will take off from Calgary and land in Vancouver, where company executives will hold a press event. Starting Sunday, Jan 24th, WestJet plans to offer three weekly round-trip flights between Calgary and Toronto over the next month while it considers adding more routes.

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