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Boeing 787 Dreamliner makes emergency landing in Scotland

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USPA News - A Boeing 787 Dreamliner flying from the United States to Poland made an emergency landing at Scotland's Glasgow Airport after the aircraft's systems detected a possible fire on board, an airline spokesperson said Friday. There were no injuries.

The aircraft, operated by LOT Polish Airlines, landed at Glasgow Airport at approximately 11:35 a.m. local time on Friday and was met by emergency services as a precaution. "The aircraft was assessed and deemed safe. The passengers have since disembarked and a further assessment of the aircraft is being carried out," a Glasgow Airport spokesman said. LOT Flight LO004 was traveling from Chicago to Warsaw with 247 passengers and 12 crew members on board. Biuro Prasowe, a spokesperson for LOT Polish Airlines, said the emergency landing was called after the crew received an alert from the aircraft's fire protection system about possible smoke in the baggage hold. "Due to the safety procedure, pilots decided to land at the nearest airport - in Glasgow," he said. Prasowe said fire services checked the aircraft but did not identify any smoke or fire. "All passengers have been transported to the terminal, where they are under constant care of our crew. The aircraft is under technical review," the spokesman added. "LOT is preparing alternative transportation for passengers to Warsaw." Glasgow Airport remained open and operation throughout the incident. Boeing's newest airplane has been involved in several mechanical problems since it entered commercial service in 2011. The entire fleet of Dreamliners was grounded for three months in early 2013 after two lithium-ion batteries burned in two incidents in Japan and the United States, leading to a revised battery design. No one was injured in any of the incidents.

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