

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC  
Form 6-K  
March 22, 2005  
FORM 6-K

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**22 March 2005**

**BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc**

**(Registrant's Name)**

**Waterside HBA3,**

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**United Kingdom**

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alan Buchanan

Title: Company Secretary

Date 22 March 2005

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	Fuel Surcharge Increase - 22 March 2005

# FUEL SURCHARGE INCREASED

British Airways is to increase its fuel surcharge on all flights from Monday, March 28 as a result of continuing record oil prices.

The longhaul fuel surcharge will increase from £10 per sector to £16 per sector (£32 return trip). The shorthaul fuel surcharge will increase from £4 per sector to £6 (£12 a return trip).

Martin George, British Airways' commercial director, said: "Our fuel bill next year is expected to be an extra £300 million. With prices continuing to rise, a surcharge increase is regrettably unavoidable."

The additional fuel surcharge only applies to tickets issued from March 28, 2005.

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### **Notes to editors:**

Fuel surcharges on all flights booked in the UK for 2004 were:

October 14: From £6 to £10 per sector on longhaul and from £2.50 to £4 per sector on shorthaul.

August 11: Surcharge increased to £6 per sector on longhaul. Shorthaul remained at £2.50. Outside the UK, the longhaul fuel surcharge increased to USD\$10 per sector with shorthaul remaining at USD \$4.

May 13: Introduced a £2.50 per sector surcharge on longhaul and shorthaul. For all flights booked outside the UK the airline introduced a fuel surcharge of USD \$4 per sector.

British Airways is 50 per cent hedged until December 31, 2005 and 30 per cent hedged from January to March 2006.

British Airways overall fuel costs for the year 2004/2005 is estimated to be some £1.1 billion and some £1.4 billion for 2005/2006.