Korean Air takes steps to go peanut-free

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Earlier this month, <u>Korean Air</u> announced it has replaced its inflight honey-roasted peanut products with other snacks such as crackers as part of its initiative to make its flights free of the common allergen.

Over the course of the coming weeks, the airline will also remove ingredients that contain peanuts from its inflight meals.

Recently, <u>two brothers were offloaded from Korean Air flight KE621</u> from South Korea's Incheon Airport to Manila because the airline could not facilitate the older teen's severe peanut allergies, prompting the airline to review and update its policies.

A Korean Air spokesperson commented in a statement from the airline: "The decision to stop peanut products and peanut ingredients is the minimum safety measure for peanut-allergy passengers." More information about the updated policy is available on <u>Korean Air's website</u>.

It is estimated that <u>in the United States peanut allergies rose 21 percent</u> between 2010 and 2017; worldwide, <u>peanuts are one of the most common allergens for children</u>.