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Ivo daalder reports that nato still hasn't made a decision to cancel.
 If it stays on, we should still do finland. But I still don't see how this happens
 Will keep u updated. I know its inconvenient for packing....

From: OpsAlert
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(U) Britain announced Monday it will send Royal Navy warships to rescue those stranded across the English Channel by the volcanic ash cloud, media report. According to press, European air controllers expect only 30 percent of the normal number of flights to operate April 19, though meteorologists report the ash plume has dropped to 1.2 miles. Below is an update on airspace status across Europe based on media reports: AUSTRIA - Airports open as of 0400 GMT April 19. BOSNIA - Airports open. BRITAIN - Airspace closed 4/19. British Airways has cancelled all Monday flights. An update is expected at about 1400 GMT. BULGARIA - Sofia, Plovdiv and Burgas airports open, airports in northern Bulgaria closed. Transit flights permitted at 8,000 metres (26,250 feet) altitude. CZECH REPUBLIC - Airspace and airports open as of 1000 GMT 4/19. DENMARK - Airspace open for flights above 10,800 metres (35,500 feet). Airspace below this height closed 4/19. ESTONIA - Airspace closed until 1200 GMT Monday. FINLAND - Airspace over two airports to open for six hours 4/19. Flights to operate from southwestern city of Turku and central city of Tampere between 0900-1500 GMT. Other airports remain closed. FRANCE - Bordeaux, Marseille, Nice, Toulouse, and several other southwest airports will remain open until at least 1300 GMT 4/19. Airports north of Nice-Bordeaux line remain closed until 4/20. Air France said a test flight from Paris to Toulouse ended without problems; tests continuing. GERMANY - Airports closed until 1200 GMT 4/19. HUNGARY - Airspace to remain closed until at least 1000 GMT 4/19, although some flights at the discretion of traffic control may be allowed to take off or land. IRELAND - Airspace closed until at least 1200 GMT 4/19. Ryanair, Europe's largest low-cost carrier, cancelled all flights to and from northern Europe until at least mid-Wednesday. Aer Lingus cancelled all flights Monday. ITALY - Northern airspace up to 6,700 metres (22,000 feet) re-closed until at least 0600 GMT 4/20, after briefly opening airspace for two hours 4/19. LATVIA - Airspace above 6,000 metres (19,700 feet) now open for transit flights, but flights to and from Riga airport not expected to resume 4/19. LITHUANIA - Airspace open. MONTENEGRO - Airports open. NETHERLANDS - Airspace shut until at least 1200 GMT 4/19. NORWAY - Oslo Gardermoen Airport open for some air traffic. Other parts of the country, such as parts of northern Norway, closed to traffic. POLAND - Airports closed 4/19. Transit flights in airspace permitted, but not landings and take-offs. ROMANIA - Main Bucharest airport open from 1200 GMT 4/19 after two-day closure. May fully reopen airspace 4/20. RUSSIA - All airports open. Aeroflot is flying to the United States via the North Pole. SERBIA - Airports open. SLOVAKIA - Airspace above 7,500 metres (26,500 feet) open. Bratislava airport closed. SLOVENIA - Slovenia expects another cloud of ash to reach its airspace around 1200 GMT 4/19 following which it will probably close its airspace again after opening it last night. SPAIN - 17 airports open. SWEDEN - Airspace open for flights north of a line stretching from the southern city of Gothenburg to Stockholm. Scandinavian airlines to make a decision later 4/19 about resuming flights. SWITZERLAND - Flight ban until at least 0600 GMT 4/20. No instrument-guided flights will be allowed to land at or take off from Swiss airports. Transit permitted at an altitude above 6,400 metres (21,000 feet). TURKEY - All airports open. Planes flying out of the Black Sea cities of Samsun, Sinop and Zonguldak have been advised not to fly higher than 6,000 metres. UKRAINE - Kiev's Borispol airport open.

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