The flag carrier of Rwanda, RwandAir, has suspended all its flights to the cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town in South Africa, Lusaka in Zambia, and Harare in Zimbabwe for health prevention against the Covid-19 pandemic.

“In a view of the global concerns on Covid-19 variants prevalent throughout Southern Africa, RwandAir announces the suspension of its flights to Johannesburg, Cape Town, Lusaka and Harare, effective 8th February 2021,” reads part a statement issued by RwandAir.

RwandAir also revealed that scheduled flights will resume soon as there is more clarity on the situation.

“Affected customers can rebook and fly at a later date at no additional cost or request a refund. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused,” adds the statement.

The measure is associated with the appearance of a new variant of the coronavirus, which represents a potential increase in the transmission of Covid-19.