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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2023.

A year in which also the airline industry will have the opportunity to grow to a healthy future. That's my main New Year's wish.

It implies a smooth operation at Schiphol for the May and Summer holidays. I remain confident that Schiphol will succeed, and no capacity restrictions are needed. The discussions with Schiphol on the damage incurred by many airlines in 2022 have not been finalized. We are still expecting their final answer before other actions are being considered.

Growing to a healthy future also implies no travel restrictions. It is unfortunate that a number of EU countries re-introduced test requirements for travellers coming directly from Mainland China.

Although we pledged time and again for coordinated European actions, we regret that the Dutch Government saw herself forced to follow the EU member states' requirement for a negative test for these passengers at these routes. This recommendation is at odds with the assessment of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and

Control (ECDC).

A healthy future for our industry is also conditional to invest in sustainability. Despite the billions already invested, more is needed. Airlines need the earning power to meet their ambitious targets.

Last but not least I wish for a year in which decision-making in The Hague, Utrecht and so on, is based on real facts and not fiction; on reality and not emotion or political gain. An advertising ban for airlines in Utrecht, a shrink-scenario for Schiphol is not based on real facts & figures. It is harmful for the image of our country and our industry.

Let's hope that in 2023 reality returns!

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema  
Chairman



## **BARIN welcomes new members AVIAREPS and ITA Airways**

We are very happy to announce new BARIN member Aviareps representing 7 carriers operating to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. Please [click here](#) to read an interview with Martijn Strijker, VP North-western Europe of Aviareps, based in Hoofddorp.

We also welcome ITA Airways as a successor of Alitalia as a new BARIN-member. In our next Flash Update we will introduce ITA Airways and Country Manager Margreeth Kappert.



Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

## **Negative COVID-19 test required for passengers from China as per 10 January**

In a response to various European Member States imposing a requirement to provide a negative COVID-19 test result for passengers coming from

Mainland China, the Dutch Minister of Public Health has imposed such a requirement also for The Netherlands with effect 10 January 2023. Although even the WHO is of the opinion that testing does not add much to the local health situation as the Omikron mutants in China are already dominant in Europe, various countries followed the Italian initiative to require testing. Monitoring of new mutants is important but that is quite something else than imposing travel restrictions such as test requirements. Testing is only required for travellers aged 12 years and older on direct flights from China.

Please [click here](#) to download the guidelines for testing and please [click here](#) to download the letter of the Minister of Public Health dated January 9<sup>th</sup>.



Ministerie van Financiën

## **Increase of Dutch Aviation Tax as per 01 January 2023**

As commonly known, the Dutch Ministry of Finance announced earlier to increase the Dutch Aviation tax per departing passenger from € 7,85 to € 26,43 as per January 2023. Just prior to the holiday season kicking in, Dutch Parliament approved the increase and the national carrier KLM filed the increase on behalf of the airlines at IATA. Subsequently the GDS'es were updated showing the new tax amount.

Please [click here](#) to download the communication on this by Schiphol Airport dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022



## **Next BARIN General Assembly for airline members to be held on 2nd February 2023**

We plan to organize our next BARIN General Assembly on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 in the

afternoon. Time, place and agenda will be distributed to airline members shortly.



## Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement organized session on balanced approach procedure on flight reduction

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Ministry of I&W organized a technical session on the balanced approach procedure which is necessary to submit the intended plan of reduction in air traffic movements at Schiphol Airport as announced by the Minister in his letter on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. Many questions were raised and a lot are still unanswered. Next sessions will be organized on January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please [click here](#) to download the presentation of the December session.

## Interesting to read

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- Please [click here](#) to download the Factsheet Business Aviation and Green House Gasses in The Netherlands



### IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA publication Statement on Imposition of Travel Restrictions for Travelers from China
- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA publication Passenger recovery Continues in November
- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA publication Air Cargo Demand Softens in

November

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BARIN is the industry association for airlines undertaking business in The Netherlands.

BARIN Member Airlines are represented by the most senior executives representing their companies in The Netherlands in the case of foreign based airlines, and hold senior executive management positions in the case of the Dutch-home-based airlines.

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