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

Never a dull moment: one day the court in Amsterdam brushes aside the objections of airlines against reducing flights at Schiphol and overturns the earlier judgement, the other day our government resigns due to the immigration debate.

We were taken by surprise by the court ruling, and were deeply disappointed.

How, what and when...a lot is unknown, and the reduction of flights should be already as of Summer 2024. In the aviation world that means tomorrow. BARIN now appeals to the Minister to put his decision on the shelf and not to try forcing his decision dogmatically on our industry, with all its unnecessary and far reaching consequences. Let me remind you, we all want the same, less noise, less disturbance for all those living around Schiphol. However, there are different ways to get there. This will be our last Flash Update for the summer. We wish you a nice holiday.

Enjoy!

Marnix H Fruitema Chairman



### Court rules in favour of Dutch State in Appeal from the Minister of Infrastructure & Watermanagement

Early April the District Court in Haarlem ruled in favour of the airlines and airline associations in the case on the intended reduction of flight movements at Schiphol Airport. As you may know, the Minister of Infrastructure and Watermanagement, Mr. Mark Harbers started an Appeal procedure on which a higher court (*het Hof*) overruled the decision by the District Court and rued that the Dutch Government is allowed to start reducing the number of flight movements initially to 460.000 movements as this is only a temporary measure on the way to a final number of 440.000 movements.

Please **click here** to download the verdict (in Dutch).



### **Dutch Cabinet steps down on immigration debate**

Less than 1½ years after installation of this Cabinet, Prime Minister Mark Rutte handed in the resignation of his fourth Cabinet to King Willem Alexander. The coalition Cabinet of 4 parties did not agree on new terms for the number of allowed immigrants and the terms of family reunion afterwards. In the meantime, the Prime Minister has also announced his departure of Dutch politics and so have leaders from other political parties.

The House of Representatives now has to decide on a list of topics which will be declared 'controversial'. It is common practise that once a Cabinet is outgoing no major political decisions or preparation for legislation are being undertaken. It seems logical that the reduction of the air traffic movements is one such topic, since the preparations of the Aviation Act in January 2021 was also declared controversial when the Rutte II Cabinet stepped down as well. Decisions on this list will be taken early September.

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# Minister of Infrastructure & Watermanagement issues plan to reduce number of Ground Service Handling Agents

Mr. Mark Harbers, Minister of I&W has requested a consortium of Stichting Economisch Onderzoek (SEO), the University of Antwerp and To70 to execute a study on the number of Ground Service Handling Agents operating at Schiphol Airport. The result of this study shows that a number of 3 handling agents for baggage and platform handling etc. (fuelling agents were outside the scope) means an optimum in providing these services.

Please <u>click here</u> to download the full report.

Hence, the Minister has sent a letter to the House of Representatives to announce his intention to reduce the number of handling agents from the current 6 to maximum 3.

Please click here to download the letter.

A formal consultation process will be started after the Summer and final reduction of handling agents is foreseen in the course of 2025.



### CEO of Schiphol Ruud Sondag stays on as interim until 01 March 2024

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol announced that the interim CEO Mr. Ruud Sondag will prolong his term from 31 August this year to 01 March 2024.

Please <u>click here</u> to download the press statement of Schiphol.



#### **IATA published Global Travel Survey**

IATA has announced that they have launched the <u>IATA Global Passenger Survey - 2023</u>.

As you may know, the GPS provides valuable input bringing the customers' perspective into the debate during the World Passenger Symposium. Your usual collaboration on this activity is key and appreciated. IATA thanks you for your support in spreading the word amongst your

colleagues/members/travelers about this year's Global Passenger Survey to help IATA reach a high rate of responses, making it the biggest survey on travel behaviors and preferences worldwide.



### Timeslots for security at Schiphol now also possible for non-Schengen departures

As of March 2022 "Timeslots" have been introduced for Schengen departures. Last week Schiphol announced that is this service is now also available for non-Schengen destinations. For non-Schengen

the last timeslot can be reserved 90 minutes prior to departure due to the fact that passengers also have to go through border control.

You may find more information on **Schiphol Timeslots**.

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- Please <u>click here</u> to download the Luchtvaartnieuws article 'Analyse vonnis Schiphol-krimp kan beginnen'
- Please <u>click here</u> to download the Luchtvaartnieuws article 'Stakingsdreiging bij Luchtverkeersleiding Eurocontrol deze zomer'
- Please <u>click here</u> to download the McKinsey & Company article 'COVID-19's impact on the global aviation sector | McKinsey'



### **IATA Updates**

- Please <u>click here</u> to download the IATA publication 'IATA Statement on Schiphol Airport Capacity Cuts'
- Please <u>click here</u> to download the IATA publication 'IATA Releases Industry Net Zero Tracking Methodology'
- Please <u>click here</u> to download the IATA publication 'Air Cargo Demand Remains Weak in May'
- Please <u>click here</u> to download the IATA publication 'Strong Air Travel Growth Continues in May'

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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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