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

Our last Flash Update was sent on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. During the past two months a few things happened... Schiphol improved her operation and performed very well during the busy Summer season.

Fortunately, because we have clearly seen a huge appetite for travel.

At the same time Schiphol pushed intensively her own plan to reduce flights and called upon Parliament not to declare the reduction of air traffic movements at Schiphol 'controversial'.

It is extremely disappointing and incomprehensible that Minister Harbers informed us last Friday that as an caretaker government they have decided to continue with her plan to reduce the number of air traffic movements at Schiphol to 452.500 by Winter'24. And what comes next?

Why pushing this decision in the last weeks in office, why damaging our economy, why hurting

employment and taking an unacceptable risk that other countries might retaliate?

No dialogue took place on the alternative plan the industry presented in June when submitting her point of view for the Balanced Approach, with the same objective, 20% noise reduction at Schiphol Airport. And with an even better outcome on a longer horizon.

Again, we call upon Parliament to reflect on the consequences of the 452.500 air traffic movements, to look into the alternatives, to declare the entire Dutch aviation file “controversial”. Act on facts and figures, not on emotion. Don’t throw away in one minute what we built up over the course of 106 years!

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema  
Chairman



Ministerie van Infrastructuur  
en Waterstaat

## **Dutch Cabinet submits Notification on flight reduction to the European Commission**

Last Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September the Ministry of Infrastructure & Watermanagement submitted the Notification on the Balanced Approach procedure to the European Commission in relation to the intended reduction of air traffic movements at Schiphol. BARIN stated she is very disappointed in the fact that a drastic decision like this is taken by an outgoing Cabinet and with elections coming up. At the same time we are also awaiting a verdict from the Supreme Court in a Cassation which is due by the end of this year or latest beginning next year.

Please [click here](#) to download the notification to the EC (in English) and please [click here](#) to download the letter from the Minister (in Dutch).



## **BARIN reaction to Cabinet decision on reduction of flights**

BARIN expressed her disappointment in the Cabinet decision to submit the Notification to the EC as such. Please [click here](#) to download BARIN's statement of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have invited Minister Harbers to join us in a webinar this Fall to discuss the different scenarios. A date will soon be announced.



## **BARIN sends request to Commission I&W at House of Representatives to declare aviation file “controversial”**

On September 5<sup>th</sup> BARIN sent a request the Chamber commission of Infrastructure and Watermanagement to request the aviation file including the announced reduction of air traffic movements at Schiphol “controversial”.

Please [click here](#) to download the letter.



## **Netherlands Labour Authority confirms intended fines and orders Schiphol to fully automate baggage cellars within two years**

In the dispute between the Dutch Labour Inspection and Ground Service Handling Agents, the NLA has confirmed the intended fines for not improving working conditions enough in relation to the lifting of baggage by the baggage handlers. The total sum reaches an amount of € 200.000 per month. At the same time the NLA orders Schiphol to speed up the works to fully automate the baggage cellars at Schiphol within the next 2 years.

Please [click here](#) to download the article from NOS.nl.



## **Next CCN meeting on September 13th at Schiphol**

The next meeting of the Coordination Committee Netherlands will be held in the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> September next. Apart from the capacity reduction as discussed above, a number of new parameters in the Capacity Declaration Summer 2024 are to be discussed. All airlines operating to and from The Netherlands are invited to join.



## **IATA organizes Wings of Change Conference in Amsterdam**

On 14 and 15 November Amsterdam will be the host city of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wings of Change Conference organized by IATA. During this conference many topics from sustainability to inclusion and from the demand for mobility to our responsible role in reducing our footprint will be discussed. Should you be interested in joining this conference as an aviation or mobility professional, please visit <https://www.iata.org/en/events/all/wings-europe/>.

## **Interesting to read**

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- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA's reaction to Cabinet decision on flight reduction
- Please [click here](#) to download the Outlook to 2030 — Can the number of people affected by

transport noise be cut by 30%? — European Environment Agency (europa.eu).

- Please [click here](#) to download the Luchtvaartnieuws article “Hoge Raad spreekt zich eind dit jaar uit over Krimp Schiphol”
- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article “Vliegtuigloze Zondag”

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