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FLASH UPDATE

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Dear BARIN Web,

Kerosene & Hormuz.

The closure (is it?) of the infamous Strait of Hormuz has put the spotlight on oil and kerosene supply. It has also created some concern and uncertainty among travellers, as well as considerable media attention, partly because many facts were initially unclear. A few observations may help put the situation into perspective.

First, the Strait itself: The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow sea passage separating the Arabian Peninsula from Iran and connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the

Arabian Sea. At its narrowest point, the Strait is only 54 kilometres wide. The shipping lanes for inbound and outbound traffic are each just 3.7 kilometres wide....!

Approximately 25% of global seaborne oil trade passes through the Strait, with around 80% of these exports destined for Asia. In 2025, China and India together received roughly 44% of all oil exports transiting Hormuz. While Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have some alternative export routes, countries such as Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain rely heavily on the Strait for the vast majority of their oil exports. Europe, however, is considerably less dependent on the Strait of Hormuz than Asia. Although a disruption would affect global oil prices, Europe sources a substantial share of its oil and refined products from regions outside the Gulf.

For several weeks now, and on the initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement, stakeholders have been sharing and discussing the latest market developments and insights. An important contribution comes from COVA (Centraal Orgaan Voorraadvoering Aardolieproducten), the organisation responsible for managing the Netherlands strategic oil stocks and monitoring developments in international oil and energy markets. Especially during uncertain times, COVA helps in ensuring that the Netherlands maintains sufficient fuel reserves to support mobility and the continuity of essential services. Similar organisations exist in many other countries. Their website contains a wealth of interesting information on energy security and oil markets.

Check it out! www.cova.nl

Much of the disruption caused by the closure of the Strait has already been compensated by increased imports from countries such as the United States, Nigeria and Norway. Based on the latest insights, we currently do not foresee any shortages of kerosene this summer (and beyond?).

So, enjoy your holidays.

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



Inspection for the Living environment and Transport (ILT) publishes 'State of the aviation 2026'

Last week the Inspection for the Living environment and Transport (ILT) published her annual report 'State of the Aviation 2026' in which the ILT reports on changing trends in the aviation landscape; from geopolitical tensions to air traffic movements and developments and from reduction of ground handlers at Schiphol to reduction of aviation emissions. Two interesting facts: complaints regarding noise of aviation has dropped significantly and the use of drones has increased quite drastically.

To download the report, please [click here](#).

Schiphol publishes 2025 Traffic Review



Last month Schiphol released all statistics on 2025 through their 2025 Traffic Review. Most interesting facts were: Air traffic movements increased by 0.8% to 477.552; the number of passengers increased by 2,8% to 68.8 million whereas cargo dropped by 4,2% to 1,43 million tonnes.

Please [click here](#) to download the Traffic Review 2025.



A4E, ERA and IATA send letter to EU Transport Commissioner on EU261/2004

Airlines for Europe, European Regions Airlines Association and the International Air Transport Association sent a letter in April to EU Transport Commissioner Tzitzikostas to voice their concern on the revision of EU 261/2004 on passenger rights. A revision that potentially will double the costs for airlines which to date are already accumulating to € 8.1 billion per annum.

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

IATA publishes 2026 Global Passenger Survey



In order to continuously improve all aspects of aviation, the International Air Transport Association annually sends out the Global Passenger Survey for organizations and consumers to fill out. We urge to take a few moments of your time and give feedback on your experiences to help improve our industry.

Please [click here](#) to start the survey.



Dutch Association of Travel Companies ANVR Booking Monitor April 2026

In the April Booking Monitor 2026 of ANVR, we see a slight decrease of 2% in bookings vs. April last year. The major shift is that we see a drop of intercontinental bookings in favour of an increase in intra-European bookings. A total of 11% of the bookings were to a destination outside Europe compared to 17% in the previous year.

You can download the booking monitor [here](#).

ANVR launches campaign 'Samen Steeds Reisbewuster'



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BARIN is the industry association representing the interests of airlines 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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