



FLASH UPDATE

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Dear BARIN Web,

BARIN Flash Update – Welcome Back!

Our first Flash Update since the Summer Holidays, with plenty of interesting articles and information. The past few months have, to put it mildly, been hectic. Again. The situation in the Gulf has had a significant impact on our industry, and the price of kerosene has increased considerably.

But there is also some good news. The market has been doing what markets are supposed to do: "adapting". The loss of supply through the Strait of Hormuz has, so far, been compensated by increased supply from elsewhere, including the United States,

Norway and Nigeria. Of course, we remain concerned about the price of kerosene. But at this moment, we do not have the same concerns about the availability of jet fuel.

Another important development this summer is that together with Schiphol we have finalised our Service Quality Matrix / Service Level Agreement, in which we have jointly identified 21 KPIs. We clearly share the same ambition: to improve the quality of the airport experience.

Looking ahead to the second half of the year, we also hope to finally bring the discussion on flight movements finally to a conclusion. 478,000 Movements is the framework we are working with. And with noise-reduction measures already delivering significant results, as highlighted in the letter below from Minister Karremans, we believe the conditions are there to move towards responsible growth. BARIN will continue to play its role.

We will continue to participate constructively, but critically, in the discussions, the meetings and, where necessary, in the public debate. Because that is what a strong industry association should do:

Find common ground.

Recognise the differences.

Reach out.

Challenge when necessary.

And work constructively towards solutions.

Welcome back — and enjoy the update.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



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Minister Karremans sends letter on noise reduction monitoring

On Monday 17th August the Minister of Infrastructure & Watermanagement Mr. Vincent Karremans sent [a letter](#) to the

House of Representatives to report on the progress of the noise reduction program at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. The monitoring of the noise is based on calculations with the aim to come to an initial noise reduction percentage of 15% (compared to 2024) by 1 November 2026. 3 Out of 4 targets were met with only one target just below the required percentage, now at 14%. KLM has been asked to take mitigating actions to make sure to reach the 15% by the November deadline. Furthermore it is important to realize that current results concern intermediate data collection and the final reduction will only be known at the next evaluation moment by 01 November. All in all it looks like targets are going to be met.

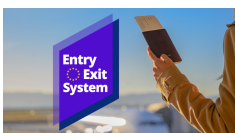
New Preferred Partner in the picture: Schiphol Real Estate



With great pleasure we announce that [Schiphol Real Estate](#) [hyperlink naar BARIN website] has become a BARIN Preferred Partner.

Schiphol is a unique location for establishing businesses, centrally located within the Netherlands and directly connected to the rest of the world. For over 100 years, this area has been a bustling and dynamic hub for both international and national companies. Currently, more than 450 companies are located here. The buildings and areas surrounding the airport are owned by Royal Schiphol Group. Schiphol Real Estate plays a significant role in this context. Not only is Schiphol Real Estate the lessor of the 32 business buildings and offices but also serves as a dedicated area director. They ensure continuous development of the area and their buildings, offering the necessary flexibility as the needs of tenants evolve. Schiphol Real Estate provides a place where organizations prefer to establish themselves, where people meet, and where they enjoy working.

We look forward to welcoming the management of Schiphol Real Estate at our next networking function.



EES update: more time to implement biometric registration at Schiphol

As previously communicated by Schiphol, the further implementation of biometric registration within the Entry/Exit System (EES) at Schiphol is progressing more slowly than anticipated. This is due to technical challenges in the development and stability of the required IT systems. As a result, we continue to experience longer waiting times than desired at arrival passport controls for non-EU travellers during peak periods.

The European Commission is allowing more time, until the end of the year, for the phased introduction of biometric registration and verification. The Netherlands has indicated that it will make use of this option to support a careful continuation of the implementation process. Schiphol is collaborating with the relevant stakeholders to plan the further rollout of biometric registration at Schiphol.

EU-Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra publishes proposal on CO2 emission rights for longhaul flights



On Friday 17th July EU Climate Commissioner Mr. Wopke Hoekstra presented the EU plans for CO2 emission rights for intercontinental travel. Currently Airlines already pay for these rights for flights within Europe under the European Emission Trading Scheme.

The Commission now chooses for a specific distance-related expansion as of 01 January 2029. As of that date also flights to destinations outside the EU and within 5.000 km (from Frankfurt) will be included in the ETS. This expansion of the ETS is valid for the period 2029-2032 after which an evaluation of CORSIA (Carbon Offset Reduction Scheme International Aviation) takes place.

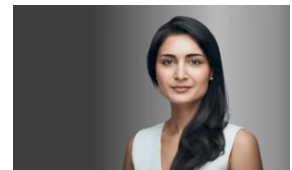
For detailed information, please [click here](#).



EU Commission approves €290 million Dutch State aid to support sustainable aviation fuels

The European Commission has approved, under EU State aid rules, two Dutch schemes with a combined budget of €290 million to support sustainable aviation fuels ('SAF'). The schemes will contribute to the objectives of the [Clean Industrial Deal](#) to accelerate the decarbonisation of EU industry, as well as of the [ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation](#) to boost the supply and demand of SAF and accelerate the transition to climate-neutral aviation. For detailed information, please [click here](#).

IATA Board Appoints Saadia Zahidi as new Director General



The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that [Saadia Zahidi](#) has been appointed by IATA's Board of Directors to the position of Director General from 1 November 2026. Zahidi will be IATA's ninth Director General and the first woman appointed to hold the position. She joins IATA from the World Economic Forum (WEF) where she is a Managing Director and Member of the Managing Board; she is replacing Willi Walsh who has held the position of IATA's Director General from 2021 to 2026.



Developments on slots at Schiphol: Intercontinental flights, cargo flight and ad-hoc slots

Air Cargo Netherlands published a very concise [overview](#) of the development of slot allocation for the Winter 26/27 season at Schiphol. A number of airlines returned slots prior to the Historic Baseline Date, giving the opportunity to new-entrants in Summer '26 to continue their operations throughout the winter. These carriers include amongst others LATAM, Thai Airways International and Vietnam Airlines.



- Please [click here](#) to download the NOS publication ‘Hoofdpijndossier voor Hoekstra: moet de luchtvaartsector meer betalen voor uitstoot?’
- Please [click here](#) to download the Het Parool ‘interview with LVNL CEO Joost Meijs’
- Please [click here](#) to download Euronews article ‘Short-haul electric flights could be a European reality in less than four years’
- Please [click here](#) to download Up in the Sky article ‘Rechter zet minister onder druk om Lelystad Airport’
- Please [click here](#) to download Condé Nast Traveller article ‘The most beautiful airport landings in the world’

IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA LinkedIn publication ‘What does seaweed has to do with SAF?’
- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA LinkedIn publication ‘The Next Fuel Savings Opportunity Is Data’



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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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