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Belgocontrol statistics: movements June 2010

Belgocontrol, the autonomous public company in charge of the safety of air navigation in the Belgian civil airspace and at the Belgian public airports, presents its results for the month of June 2010 with respect to the controlled movements at Brussels National Airport as well as at the regional airports and for overflights.

In June 2010 Belgocontrol managed a total of 99,653 movements, or a decrease of 0.18 % (- 179 movements) compared to the same month of last year (99,782 movements).

Brussels Airport

In June 2010 Belgocontrol managed a total of 20,704 movements, or a decrease of 397 movements (-1.88 %) compared to the same month of last year (21,101 movements).

Air traffic controlled by CANAC

The CANAC centre manages all movements in the controlled civil airspace above Belgium, from ground level to flight level 245, and above the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, between flight levels 135 and 245.

CANAC controlled 48,799 movements in June 2010, which is an increase of 0.86 % compared to the same period last year (48,383).

The regional airports

In June 2010, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 30,150 movements. In comparison to the 30,298 movements in June 2009, this represents a decrease of 148 movements (- 0.49 %).

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The total number of « regional » IFR flights, which was 11,094 movements in June 2009, increased by 1,806 movements or 16.28 % and reached 12,900 movements in June 2010. The number of IFR flights are on the increase everywhere.

The number of VFR flights decrease from 19,204 movements in June 2009 to 17,250 movements for the same month of this year, or a decrease of 1,954 movements (-10.17 %).

Regarding the total number of movements, Charleroi ranks first (9,392), followed by Ostend (9,381), Antwerp (7,397) and Liege (3,980). We remind you that in Liege, Belgocontrol assures the air traffic control only at night during the week and 24/24h during weekends. The movements controlled by the military by day during the week are therefore not included in our statistics. As regards the number of IFR movements, the ranking looks different. Charleroi is in pole position (4,964), followed by Ostend (3,054), Liege (2,693) and Antwerp (2,189).

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 7,397 movements (2,189 IFR and 5,208 VFR) were registered in June 2010. This means a decrease of 11.49 % compared to the same period in 2009, when 8,357 movements (2,069 IFR and 6,288 VFR) were recorded. There is an increase in the number of IFR flights (5.80 %) but a decrease in the number of VFR flights (-17.18 %).

Charleroi-Brussels South registered 9,392 movements (4,964 IFR and 4,428 VFR) in June 2010, or a decrease of 2.30 % compared to the same period of 2009, when 9,613 movements (4,244 IFR and 5,369 VFR) were recorded. There is an increase in the number of IFR flights (+16.97 %) but a decrease in the number of VFR flights (-17.53 %).

At **Liege-Bierset** 3,980 movements (2,693 IFR and 1,287 VFR) were registered in June 2010: an increase of 11.27 % compared to the 3,577 movements (2,339 IFR and 1,238 VFR) that were recorded the previous year. The number of IFR flights increased by 15.13 % but the VFR decreased by 3.96 %.

Ostend-Bruges recorded 9,381 movements (3,054 IFR and 6,327 VFR) in June 2010, which represents an increase of 7.20 % compared to the 8,751 movements (2,442 IFR and 6,309 VFR) registered in June 2009. There is an increase in the number of IFR movements (+25.06 %) as well as in the number of VFR movements (+ 0.29 %).

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All regional airports count their movements in the same manner: every airport registers two movements in case of go around, touch and go and local flights. In those three cases, they count one arrival and one departure. ILS and landing are considered as one single movement. Antwerp, Charleroi and Liege consider the flight through the CTR or the TMA as one movement. However, because the TMA of Ostend generates an intense training flight activity and its TMA is considerably bigger than the airspace of the other regional airports, the traffic that flies through it is counted as two movements: one entry and one exit of the zone.

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For your information:

IFR = Instrument Flight Rule

VFR = Visual Flight Rule

Belgocontrol is an autonomous public company, created on October 2nd 1998, with the mission to guarantee the safety of air navigation in the airspace for which Belgium is responsible. Its zone of activities extends from ground level (at Brussels airport and the airports of Antwerp, Charleroi, Liege and Ostend) to 8,000 metres for Belgium and from 4,500 to 8,000 metres for the grand duchy of Luxembourg.

The Eurocontrol centre in Maastricht is responsible for the area above 8,000 metres, and jointly manages the air traffic of the upper airspace of Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the western part of Germany. Belgocontrol manages the air traffic at five public airports: permanently at Brussels Airport, Antwerp, Charleroi, and Ostend, and only at night during the week and 24/24h during weekends in Liege (the military is responsible for the traffic control by day during the week).

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