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Belgocontrol statistics: movements July 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 July 2010 with respect to the controlled movements at Brussels National Airport as well as at the regional airports and for overflights.

In July 2010 Belgocontrol managed a total of 104,885 movements, or an increase of 2.57 % (+ 2,624 movements) compared to the same month of last year (102,261 movements).

Brussels Airport

In July 2010 Belgocontrol managed a total of 20,772 movements, or a decrease of 0.47 % compared to the same month in 2009 (20,871 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 50,715 movements in July 2010, which is a decrease of 0.19 % compared to the same period last year (50,809).

The regional airports

In July 2010, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 33,398 movements. In comparison to the 30,581 movements in July 2009, this represents an increase of 2,817 movements (+ 9.21 %).

The total number of « regional » IFR movements, which was 11,423 movements in July 2009, increased by 2,126 movements or 18.61 % and reached 13,549 movements in July 2010.

The VFR flights increase from 19,158 movements in July 2009 to 19,849 movements for the same month of this year, or an increase of 691 movements (+3.61 %).

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Regarding the total number of movements, Ostend ranks first (10,817), followed by Charleroi (9,437), Antwerp (7,954) and Liege (5,190). 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 (5,045), followed by Ostend (3,740), Liege (2,845) and Antwerp (1,919).

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 7,954 movements (1,919 IFR and 6,035 VFR) were registered in July 2010. This means a decrease of 3.05 % compared to the same period in 2009, when 8,204 movements (2,143 IFR and 6,061 VFR) were recorded. There is a decrease in the number of IFR flights (-10.45 %) as well as in the number of VFR flights (-0.43 %).

Charleroi-Brussels South registered 9,437 movements (5,045 IFR and 4,392 VFR) in July 2010, or a decrease of 0.75 % compared to the same period of 2009, when 9,508 movements (3,997 IFR and 5,511 VFR) were recorded. There is an increase in the number of IFR flights (+26.22 %) but a decrease in the number of VFR flights (-20.30 %).

At **Liege-Bierset** 5,190 movements (2,845 IFR and 2,345 VFR) were registered in July 2010: an increase of 35.69 % compared to the 3,825 movements (2,571 IFR and 1,254 VFR) that were recorded the previous year. The number of IFR flights increased by 10.66 % and the number of VFR increased by 87.00 %.

Ostend-Bruges recorded 10,817 movements (3,740 IFR and 7,077 VFR) in July 2010, which represents an increase of 19.60 % compared to the 9,044 movements (2,712 IFR and 6,332 VFR) registered in July 2009. There is an increase in the number of IFR movements (+37.91 %) as well as in the number of VFR movements (+11.77 %).

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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