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

In May 2010 Belgocontrol managed a total of 97,567 movements, or a decrease of 2.74% (2,748 movements) compared to the same month of last year (100,315 movements). Although the volcanic ash cloud from Iceland did not have as great an impact as in April, it still disrupted the air traffic in May.

Brussels Airport

20,195 movements were recorded in May 2010, representing a decrease of 2.82 % compared to the same month of 2009 (20,780 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 47,502 movements in May 2010, which is a slight decrease (-0.88%) compared to the same period last year (47,924).

The regional airports

In May 2010, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 29,870 movements. In comparison to the 31,611 movements in May 2009, this represents a decrease of 1,741 movements (-5.51 %).

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The total number of « regional » IFR flights, which was 10,990 movements in May 2009, increased by 908 movements, or 8.26 % and reached 11,898 movements in May 2010.

The number of VFR flights decrease from 20,621 movements in May 2009 to 17,972 movements for the same month of this year, or a decrease of 2,649 movements (-12.85 %).

Regarding the total number of movements, Charleroi ranks first (8,909), followed by Ostend (8,544), Antwerp (7,166) and Liege (5,251). 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 (4,772), followed by Liege (2,633), Ostend (2,529) and Antwerp (1,964).

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 7,166 movements (1,964 IFR and 5,202 VFR) were registered in May 2010. This means a decrease of 16.17 % compared to the same period in 2009, when 8,548 movements (1,837 IFR and 6,711 VFR) were recorded. There is an increase in the number of IFR flights (6.91 %) but a decrease in the number of VFR flights (-22.49%).

Charleroi-Brussels South registered 8,909 movements (4,772 IFR and 4,137 VFR) in May 2010, or a decrease of 4.29 % compared to the same period of 2009, when 9,308 movements (4,232 IFR and 5,076 VFR) were recorded. There is an increase in the number of IFR flights (+12.76 %) but a decrease in the number of VFR flights by 18.50 %.

At **Liege-Bierset** 5,251 movements (2,633 IFR and 2,618 VFR) were registered in May 2010: an increase of 17.03 % compared to the 4,487 movements (2,534 IFR and 1,953 VFR) that were recorded the previous year. The number of IFR flights increased by 3.91 % and the VFR by 34.05 %.

Ostend-Bruges recorded 8,544 movements (2,529 IFR and 6,015 VFR) in May 2010, or a decrease of 7.81 % compared to the 9,268 movements (2,387 IFR and 6,881 VFR) registered in May 2009. There is an increase in the number of IFR movements (+ 5.95 %) but a decrease in the number of VFR flights (-12.59 %).

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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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