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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Last Friday the Dutch Supreme Court came with its final ruling.

Not at all to our surprise it concluded that the Dutch government must follow a special procedure under European rules and cannot simply decide to reduce the number of flights at Schiphol Airport.

The decision of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal which stated that the Dutch State was allowed to implement two proposed measures to reduce noise pollution at Schiphol, will not be upheld. Based on European legislation, a balanced approach procedure must be followed to implement the measures", the Supreme Court said in its statement. The past 2 years have been symbolized by court cases, fire crackers and flares shot in the air, one after the other neither respecting the rules we agreed upon in Brussels, nor respecting the dialogue we should have between the Ministry, the Minister, Schiphol, those living around Schiphol and the airline

industry.

Following the decision of the Supreme Court various media asked me: “so we are back to square one?”. No! We are not back to square one. We have learnt valuable lessons; no one can decide on its own, it's a give and take and we have to respect national and international legislation.

Time has come to draft the future jointly, where we have one objective to reduce emissions and noise. This implies that we have to leave the trenches. We have to make sensible decisions based on facts, not on emotions.

I am positive.

Enjoy your Summer holidays and we'll be back with our Flash Updates late August.

Marnix H Fruitema
Chairman



Dutch Supreme Court decides negative on Experimental Ruling without Balanced Approach to reduce movements at Schiphol

In a cassation-verdict on Friday 12th July, the Supreme Court in The Netherlands followed the reasoning of the Dutch Attorney-General in the debate on the proposed Experimental Ruling of the Ministry of Infrastructure & Watermanagement to reduce air traffic movements (atm's) at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. For such a drastic measure a Balanced Approach procedure via the European Commission must always be followed. A reduction of atm's at an airport to reduce noise hindrance, should always be a last resort after all other mitigation measures fail. This has to be proven in such a Balanced Approach, and this verdict of the Supreme Court is a very clear signal to the Ministry of I&W that the initial procedure as followed by the Ministry was not correct.

Please [click here](#) to download a copy of the verdict. Also check out the 'interesting to read section' with articles from the NL#Times and Luchtvaartnieuws on this topic.

Schiphol
Amsterdam Airport

Clarity on progress and finalization of Schiphol's A-pier

On July 4th, Schiphol announced to expect the inaugural of the new A-pier in April 2027. The A-pier which was originally planned to open in 2019 at an estimated cost of around € 450 Million, has suffered a very long delay and the costs of the total project in the meantime have risen to an astounding € 1,4 Billion. The A-pier will extend the aircraft stand capacity with 8 new gates of which 3 gates are for widebody aircraft.

[Clarity on progress of Pier A: ready in 2027 \(schiphol.com\)](#)

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Preferred Partner in the Picture: Value Group joins BARIN

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Joost Meijs appointed as new CEO of Maastricht-Aachen Airport

In a press statement dated 9th July, Maastricht Aachen Airport (MAA) announced the appointment of Joost Meijs as new CEO of the airport as per 1st October 2024. Meijs will be succeeding Jonas Stekelenburg. The Supervisory Board has appointed Joost Meijs due to his extensive leadership experience and track record in the aviation industry; currently, Joost Meijs is the CEO of Aruba Airport, and before that Eindhoven Airport.

Please [click here](#) to download the press release of Maastricht Aachen Airport.

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- Please [click here](#) to download the NL#Times article 'Dutch Government can't downsize Schiphol without following EU procedures, Supreme Court rules'
- Please [click here](#) to download the Luchtvaartnieuws article 'Hoge Raad: Kabinet moet Europese regels volgen bij eventuele krimp Schiphol'
- Please [click here](#) to download the Financial Times article 'Lufthansa to impose green surcharge in bid to pass on sustainable fuel costs'
- Please [click here](#) to download the Luchtvaartnieuws article 'Airbus stelt verwachtingen omhoog bij: meer vliegtuigen nodig door toenemende reislust'



IATA Updates

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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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