



## *BELGOCONTROL STATISTICS*

### *Movements: January 2008*

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 January 2008 with respect to the controlled movements at Brussels Airport as well as at the regional airports and for overflights.

In January 2008, Belgocontrol managed a total of 85,756 movements, or an increase of 7,150 movements (9.09 %) compared to the same month of the previous year (78,608 movements).

#### Brussels National Airport

21,252 movements were recorded in January 2008, which represents an increase of 9.39% compared to the same month of 2007 (19,427 movements). The increase reflects the additional activity that results from new airline companies servicing the capital of Europe.

#### 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 46,012 movements in January 2008: an increase of 8.40% compared to the same period last year (42,447).

#### The regional airports

In January 2008, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 18,492 movements controlled by Belgocontrol, in comparison with 16,734 movements in January 2007, or + 1,756 movements (+10.50%).

The numbers at the four regional airports are increasing, but the sharpest rise can be observed in the number of VFR movements, which reflects the growth of pilot school activities, in response to a strong demand for new pilots so as to meet the needs of the growing air traffic. The total number of « regional » VFR flights, which was 8,973 in January 2007, increased to 10,472 in January 2008, or a rise of 16.71% (1,495 movements).

The total number of « regional » IFR flights, which was 7,761 movements in January 2007, increased by 251 units (3.34%) and reached 8,020 movements in January 2008.

The number of IFR flights increases sharply in Charleroi, remains at a status quo in Antwerp and Liege and decreases slightly in Ostend.

Regarding the total number of movements controlled by Belgocontrol, Charleroi ranks first with 6,328 movements, followed by Antwerp (4,470), Ostend (4,408), and Liege (3,286). 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, Charleroi ranks first with 2,575 movements, followed by Liege (2,381) Antwerp (1,667), and Ostend (1,397).

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 4,470 movements (1,667 IFR and 2,803 VFR) were registered in January 2008. This means an increase of 9.53 % compared to the same period in 2007, when 4,071 movements (1,663 IFR and 2,408 VFR) were recorded. The number of IFR movements remained at a status quo (+ 0.24%) but the number of VFR increased by 16.40%.

**Charleroi-Brussels South** registered 6,328 movements (2,575 IFR and 3,753 VFR) in January 2008, or an increase of 20.65 % compared to the same period in 2007, when 5,245 movements (2,287 IFR and 2,958 VFR) were recorded. There is an increase in the number of IFR flights (12.59 %) and in the number of VFR flights (26.88 %).

At **Liege-Bierset** 3,286 movements (2,381 IFR and 905 VFR) were registered in January 2008, or an increase of 2.94 % compared to the 3,192 movements (2,386 IFR and 806 VFR) the previous year. There is a status quo in the number of IFR (-0.21%) but the number of VFR increased by 12.28%.

**Ostend-Bruges** recorded 4,408 movements (1,397 IFR and 3,011 VFR) in January 2008, or an increase of 4.31 % compared to the 4,226 movements (1,425 IFR and 2,801 VFR) in January 2007. The number of IFR flights decreased by -1.96 % whereas the number of VFR increased by +7.50 %.

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For your information:

IFR = Instrument Flight Rule

VFR = Visual Flight Rule

Belgocontrol is an autonomous public company, created on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

