

## Possible cessation of scheduled flights after 23.00 hours from the end of October 2020 onwards

Eindhoven Airport is working towards the cessation of scheduled flights after 23.00 hours once the summer season ends in 2020. In line with Pieter van Geel's advisory report about the development of Eindhoven Airport as part of the Eindhoven Airport Pilot Study, the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management (I&W) recently wrote a letter to the House of Representatives announcing that he would endeavour to stop the operation of scheduled flights after 23.00 hours with effect from the 2020 summer season.

On 26 September 2019, Eindhoven Airport submitted its capacity declaration for March up to and including October 2020 to Airport Coordination Netherlands (ACNL). ACNL is the independent coordinator responsible for allocating and checking take-off and landing times (slots) for Schiphol, Eindhoven Airport and Rotterdam-The Hague Airport. The capacity declaration is drawn up following discussions with the various airlines that use Eindhoven Airport and includes the so-called historical slot rights of the airlines in question. These rights are determined by European law. The airport does not have the authority to unilaterally withdraw these rights. Effectively, this means that there will be a maximum of four scheduled flights a day between 23.00 and 23.30 hours in March up to and including October next year.

In anticipation of the preparation of the winter schedule for 2020, which will become effective on 25 October next year, Eindhoven Airport will enter into discussions with everyone concerned to ensure that no scheduled flights take place after 23.00 hours in the period referred to above. Unfortunately, it was not possible to bring the Minister's wishes to fruition for the 2020 summer season, given the short space of time that airlines have in which to put their international flight schedules together. This process will be a lengthy one and the date of its completion will depend in part on the availability of slots at the various international airports at which the airlines concerned operate.

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## ABOUT EINDHOVEN AIRPORT

Eindhoven Airport is de tweede luchthaven van Nederland met ruim 6 miljoen passagiers in 2018. De luchthaven zorgt voor een makkelijke verbinding van Brainport met Europa en verder, in balans met de omgeving. Het gemak voor de reiziger komt tot uiting in de klantbelofte 'Always Easy'. De luchtvaartmaatschappijen verbinden Zuid-Nederland met meer dan 80 toeristische en zakelijke bestemmingen. Samen met de partnerbedrijven biedt de luchthaven bijna 2000 arbeidsplaatsen en is daarmee een van de grote werkgevers in de regio. We zijn ons bewust van de maatschappelijke impact die een luchthaven heeft. Maatschappelijk verantwoord ondernemen zit in ons DNA, we hebben continu aandacht voor het evenwicht tussen internationale connectiviteit en de leefbaarheid in de omgeving. De aandelen van Eindhoven Airport N.V. zijn in handen van Schiphol Nederland B.V., de Provincie Noord-Brabant en de Gemeente Eindhoven.

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