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WestJet concerned third-party charges undermining Canada's economic recovery

WestJet on September 1, 2020 announced an increase to domestic traveller surcharges to account for NAV CANADA rate increases of almost 30 per cent starting September 1, 2020. WestJet is increasing the surcharge it charges for air traffic control services between \$4 and \$7 per guest depending on flight duration. NAV CANADA is Canada's air traffic control operator, responsible for Canada's civil air navigation system. WestJet is investigating an appeal of the rate increase and will remove the additional surcharge if the appeal is successful. "We are deeply concerned the NAV CANADA rate increase will lead to a further reduction in the number of travellers," said Ed Sims, WestJet President and CEO. "We are sympathetic to their situation, like ours, where a lack of sector-specific federal support has hindered their ability to recover. Burdening travellers who have been severely impacted by this pandemic with incremental costs will only serve to undermine Canada's economic recovery."

WestJet concerned third-party charges undermining Canada's economic recovery, September 1, 2020, www.westjet.ca

Weekly aircraft movements, August 15 to 21, 2020

Data on Canadian weekly aircraft itinerant movements are now available for August 15 to 21, 2020. Domestic, transborder and international were all down compared the previous week.

Weekly aircraft movements, August 15 to 21, 2020, September 2, 2020, www.statcan.gc.ca

McMaster HealthLabs, Air Canada and Greater Toronto Airports Authority to Conduct a Voluntary COVID-19 Study of Arriving International Travellers

McMaster HealthLabs (MHL), Air Canada and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) on September 3, 2020 announced that they will partner on a voluntary COVID-19 study of international travellers arriving at Toronto Pearson International Airport. The study's core purpose is to gather information to explore the effectiveness of various quarantine periods for travellers. MHL is a non-profit organization that develops COVID-19 research initiatives and testing solutions to accelerate business recovery during the pandemic.

McMaster HealthLabs, Air Canada and Greater Toronto Airports Authority to Conduct a Voluntary COVID-19 Study of Arriving International Travellers, September 3, 2020, www.aircanada.ca

July Air Cargo Demand Stable, Capacity Remains Constrained

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air freight markets in July 2020 showing air cargo demand is stable but at lower levels than 2019. While there is some month-to-month improvement, it is at a slower pace than some of the traditional leading indicators would suggest. This is due to the capacity constraint from the loss of available belly cargo space as passenger aircraft remain parked.

July Air Cargo Demand Stable, Capacity Remains Constrained, August 31, 2020, www.iata.org

Air Cargo Market Analysis July 2020

Air cargo recovery continues amid improving economic activity. First, industry-wide cargo tonne-kilometres (CTKs) declined by 13.5% year-on-year in July 2020. CTKs adjusted for seasonality grew 2.6% month-on-

month in July 2020, similar to the pace of improvement seen in June 2020 (3.0%). Second, despite growing uncertainty in COVID-19 developments, economic activity continued to recover in July 2020. Indicators such as manufacturing output and new export orders are improving. July's CTK performance is weaker than expected based on economic activity. But new export orders – a leading indicator for air cargo – show that CTKs should continue to improve in the coming period.

Air Cargo Market Analysis July 2020, August 31, 2020, www.iata.org

Sluggish Improvement in Passenger Demand Continues in July

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that passenger demand in July (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs), continued at critically low levels--79.8% below July 2019 levels. This was somewhat better than the 86.6% year-over-year decline recorded in June 2020, primarily driven by domestic markets, most notably Russia and China. Market reopening in the Schengen Area helped to boost international demand in Europe, but other international markets showed little change from June 2020. Capacity was 70.1% below 2019 levels and load factor sagged to a record low for July, at 57.9%

Sluggish Improvement in Passenger Demand Continues in July, September 1, 2020, www.iata.org

U.S. Airlines July 2020 Fuel Use Up 37% from June

July 2020 fuel consumption was 37% higher than June 2020, 68% higher than May 2020 and 71% higher than April 2020. April was the lowest monthly fuel usage on record (447M gallons), dating back to 2000. July 2020 fuel consumption was down 54% from July 2019. The July 2020 cost per gallon (\$1.17) for aviation fuel was up 9 cents from June 2020 but down 81 cents from July 2019. The May 2020 cost per gallon (\$1.03) was the lowest since April 2004 (\$1.01).

U.S. Airlines July 2020 Fuel Use Up 37% from June, September 2, 2020, www.bts.gov

High-Density B747 Cabins by Jennifer Coutts Clay, Author Jetliner Cabins

This is the fourth article in Jennifer's series of articles about B747 cabin innovations and the integral involvement of Pan American World Airways (Pan Am).

During its half-century of commercial service, the Boeing 747 cabin space proved to be endlessly adaptable when reconfigured by carriers seeking to compete in new markets. Jennifer's article analyzes the evolution of the 568-seat LOPA (layout of passenger accommodations) on the B747SR (Short Range) variant—it would have been fitting for the operating airlines to pick 'All Together Now' by the Beatles as their passenger-boarding music for these flights.

This article was first published in Aircraft Interiors International Magazine, in September 2019.

[Read 'High-Density B747 Cabins'](#)

September 2019, Aircraft Interiors International Magazine – www.aircraftinteriorsinternational.com - Jennifer Coutts Clay CMILT, Author of JETLINER CABINS <https://jetlinercabins.com/news-media/news/>

Register for a Free Webinar hosted by Aircraft Interiors International and Tapis on How to Manage COVID Within the Cabin Interior

The aim of the webinar is to provide useful, knowledgeable advice of how we can manage COVID and its impact on the cabin throughout the passenger journey. It will seek to answer key questions such as:

- Can we safely return to 2019 passenger numbers?
- What precautions do we need to take to enable this?
- Is there a limit on cabin density and is it safe to sit passengers three abreast in economy class?
- If COVID is suspected to be present in the cabin, what can we do to reduce the risk of transmission and infection?
- What impact do surface materials have on the cabin interior and how do you best clean/disinfect them?
- What impact does airflow have on the cabin to safeguard passengers and what can be done to improve it?

This free webinar is on September 15 at 11 am E. Click here to register: https://www.bigmarker.com/ma-business/Aircraft-Interiors-Tapis-webinar?utm_bmcr_source=AIEmail