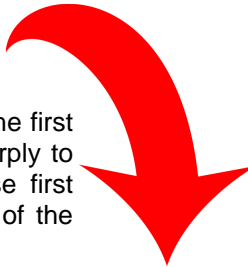




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Statement by the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning the release of Ukrainian Airlines Flight 752's voice/data recorder read out report by the Civil Aviation Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, issued a statement on August 23, 2020. Part of the statement is: "Canada was deeply affected by the lives lost on January 8, 2020, when Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 was shot down near Tehran, Iran. Fifty-five of the 176 people who perished were Canadian. Others had close ties to Canada. "The Government of Canada has received a copy of the Civil Aviation Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Ukrainian Airline's Flight Recorder Read-out Report. "This preliminary report only provides limited and selected information regarding this tragic event. The report only mentions what transpired after the first missile strike but not the second and only confirms information that we already know. ..."

Statement by the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning the release of Ukrainian Airlines Flight 752's voice/data recorder read out report by the Civil Aviation Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran, August 23, 2020, www.tc.gc.ca

Quarterly civil aviation statistics, first quarter 2020

Operating revenue for the 26 largest Canadian air carriers totalled \$5.8 billion in the 2020 first quarter, down 12.8% from the first quarter of 2019. This was the first year-over-year quarterly decline in three years and resulted in the first net operating loss (-\$390.1 million) in eight years. The 26 Canadian air carriers carried 19.4 million passengers in the first quarter of 2020, down 16.7% from the first quarter of 2019, the sharpest year-over-year quarterly decrease since the second quarter of 2009 (-8.5%) in the midst of a global economic downturn. With the decline in

demand for air travel larger than the decrease in capacity during the first quarter, the passenger load factor for scheduled services fell sharply to 76.9%, down from 82.4% in the same quarter last year. These first quarter results reflect the severity and abruptness of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the largest Canadian airlines.

Quarterly civil aviation statistics, first quarter 2020, August 24, 2020, www.statcan.gc.ca

Weekly aircraft movements, August 8 to 14, 2020

Data on weekly aircraft itinerant movements are now available for August 8 to 14, 2020. Domestic movements fell to 43,161 from 37,521 for the previous week.

Weekly aircraft movements, August 8 to 14, 2020, August 26, 2020, www.statcan.gc.ca

Purolator International expands next-day air service into Canada

Purolator International, a leading provider of North American logistics services, has expanded its next-day air delivery into Canada, making the service available to more U.S.-based shippers. Fully customizable, Purolator International's cross-border air network is ideal for critical parts, healthcare supplies, and high-value goods.

Purolator International expands next-day air service into Canada, August 26, 2020, www.ajot.com

 **Monthly civil aviation statistics, June 2020**

After two disastrous months for aviation in Canada and around the world, key operating metrics showed some signs of recovery in June 2020—the third full month with travel restrictions in effect to fight the spread of COVID-19. Although major Canadian airlines carried 440,000 passengers on scheduled and charter services in June 2020, down 93.9% from the same month in 2019, this represents a mild uptick from the year-over-year declines observed in April (-97.0%) and May (-96.7%). On a monthly basis, these airlines carried almost twice as many passengers (+96.2% more) in June 2020 as in May 2020. Compared with June 2019, air traffic plunged to 885.4 million passenger-kilometres, pushing operating revenues down 90.2% to \$221.2 million in June 2020. Passenger load factor—the ratio of passenger-kilometres to available seat-kilometres—was 45.8% in June 2020, almost half of what it was in June 2019. Since 2015, this ratio had remained near or above 80.0% until falling to a low of 26.0% in April.

Monthly civil aviation statistics, June 2020, August 27, 2020, www.statcan.gc.ca

 **Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, June 2020**

June 2020 was the third full month with global travel restrictions in effect because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but domestic air traffic recovered somewhat. Helicopter and piston-engine aircraft movements approached normal levels in June 2020, whereas jet aircraft movements remained well below levels typically reported. In June 2020, aircraft take-offs and landings were 44.7% lower than in June 2019, following a 63.3% decline in May. Year-over-year domestic movements fell 47.9%, which is less drastic than May's 62.8% decrease, while traffic to the United States (-87.9%) and other international movements (-81.7%) remained as low as in May (-90.2% and -81.4%, respectively). Boundary Bay in British Columbia, Québec/Jean Lesage International in Quebec and Calgary/Springbank in Alberta were Canada's busiest airports in June 2020.

Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, June 2020, August 27, 2020, www.statcan.gc.ca

 **WestJet reinforces commitment to safety with zero-tolerance mask policy**

The WestJet Group on August 28, 2020 announced multiple safety updates including the potential for denied travel and a one-year WestJet Group travel ban for those who fail to comply with the airlines' mask

regulation. The WestJet Group also announced the mandatory input of all guests' contact information at online and kiosk check-in to help the Public Health Agency of Canada and the provincial public health agencies across Canada with contact tracing in the case of infected individuals on board. The WestJet Group includes WestJet, WestJet Encore, WestJet Link and Swoop. Effective, September 1, 2020, the WestJet Group will implement a zero-tolerance policy in support of the requirement for all guests, over the age of two, to wear masks and face coverings. Non-compliant guests will face penalties including denied boarding, return of the aircraft to the gate to offload the passenger and the suspension of travel on any WestJet Group aircraft for up to one year. Effective, September 1, 2020, the input of contact information for those travelling on WestJet, WestJet Encore, WestJet Link and Swoop will become mandatory at the 24-hour check-in process online and at kiosks. Mandatory information at WestJet check-in kiosks will be phased into the policy change by the end of September.

WestJet reinforces commitment to safety with zero-tolerance mask policy, August 28, 2020, www.westjet.ca

 **Air Travel Consumer Report: May 2020 Numbers**

The U.S. Department of Transportation today released its July 2020 Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on reporting marketing and operating air carrier data compiled for the month of May 2020. The full consumer report and other aviation consumer matters of interest to the public can be found at <http://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer>. Results for a few consumer matters are: *May On-Time Performance* - In May 2020, reporting marketing carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 89.1%, up from both the 55.1% on-time rate in April 2020 and the 77.9% rate in May 2019. *May Cancellations* - In May 2020, reporting marketing carriers cancelled 6.4% of their scheduled domestic flights, down from 42.0% in April 2020, the highest cancellation rate on record, but up from 2.0% in May 2019. *Complaints About Airline Service* - In May 2020, DOT received 21,914 complaints about airline service from consumers, up 1,590.9 percent from the total of 1,296 filed in May 2019 and up 10.4 percent from the 19,856 received in April 2020.

Air Travel Consumer Report: May 2020 Numbers, August 21, 2020, www.bts.gov

 **'Game-Changing' B747SP - Special Performance, by Jennifer Coutts Clay, Author Jetliner Cabins**

In April 1976, Pan Am launched the Boeing 747SP, a variant of the B747-100. SP stands for 'Special Performance', but what was so special about the SP? Jennifer Coutts Clay explains in the Aircraft Interiors International 2020 Design Showcase.

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