

Fraport Traffic Figures – First Half 2008: Passengers and Airfreight at Frankfurt Airport Continue to Rise

June Traffic at FRA on High Previous Year's Level – Passengers, Airfreight, and Aircraft Movements at Group Airports Stay on Course for Growth

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FRA/th> Frankfurt Airport (FRA) recorded noticeable growth in the first half of 2008. From January through June some 26,265,335 passengers used the FRA global air transportation hub – 2.2 percent more than in the same period last year. Airfreight throughput at Germany's largest airport reached 1,047,681 metric tons in the first six months of 2008 – representing a 3.8 percent rise.

The number of aircraft movements at FRA in the same period remained nearly unchanged at 241,646 takeoffs and landings. In contrast, accumulated maximum takeoff weights (MTOWs) continued to climb strongly by 2 percent to 14,056,442 metric tons. In view of FRA's capacity constraints, this development again reflected the trend – seen for many months – toward an increasing use of bigger aircraft on the available slots.

With 4,807,710 passengers served in June 2008 (-0.5 percent), activity reached nearly the high previous year's level. At the same time, FRA recorded its busiest-ever June for airfreight: 177,520 metric tons handled in the reporting month represented a rise of 0.9 percent on the previous June record in 2007. In keeping with expectations, airmail declined by 4.1 percent to 7,178 metric tons.

The number of aircraft movements at FRA remained steady in June: 41,994 takeoffs and landings represented a slight 0.2 percent year-on-year drop. Nonetheless, accumulated MTOWs continued to climb in June to the new historic high of 2,442,379 metric tons, exceeding the previous record-June in 2007 by 1.1 percent.

The Fraport Group's six majority-owned airports registered a total of 36,624,192 passengers in the first two quarters of 2008 – 3.7 percent more than in the comparable period last year.

Antalya and Lima airports achieved the highest growth rates: Peru's Lima Airport (LIM) welcomed 3,970,741 passengers (up 14.6 percent) from January to June. Fraport's terminals at Antalya Airport (AYT) served 3,637,242 passengers, 9.5 percent more than in the same period in 2007. The summer travel surge also boosted traffic at the Group's airports in Bulgaria: Burgas Airport (BOJ) rose 0.6 percent to 485,533 passengers, while Varna (VAR) reported 444,070 passengers (up 2.7 percent) in the first half year. Only Frankfurt-Hahn Airport (HHN) registered a 5.8 percent drop to 1,823,852 passengers compared to the first half of 2007.

Cargo throughput at the Group's airports climbed 6.1 percent to 1,250,146 metric tons of airfreight and airmail in the first six months of 2008. In addition, aircraft movements at Frankfurt, Frankfurt-Hahn, Lima, Antalya, Burgas and Varna airports increased by 3 percent to 348,915 takeoffs and landings.

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