
Late takeoff from Geneva airport

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To: info@airbohemia.cz

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you on behalf of the Geneva Airport Residents Association (ARAG), of which I am the vice-president and Webmaster.

Yesterday, 27 July 2017 at 23h45, our monitoring system at Geneva Airport detected the takeoff of a Piper PA42 with aircraft registration OK-OKL and using the call sign BOH324. We believe that your company is the owner and operator for this aircraft.

The Swiss regulations for Geneva Airport state that after 22h, and with the exception of flights for medical purposes or reasons of state, only commercial flights are permitted to take off or land. We do recognise that your airline sometimes offers medical flights, so perhaps this was one such flight. If not, then please take note of the following remarks.

The regulations furthermore state that aircraft owners or operators should make a great effort to avoid scheduling any movements between 22h and 06h. In consulting the timetables for 2017 it is clear that this regulation is currently adhered to for all of the scheduled flights of the major airlines operating out of Geneva. Thus, any late departures of aircraft of these airlines are almost always due to the type of delays which may occasionally happen (late arrival of the incoming aircraft, last minute technical problems with an aircraft, etc.).

You will certainly appreciate that aircraft taking off late at night are particularly disturbing to people living around Geneva airport. Whilst there may be a grudging acceptance for a large aircraft carrying one hundred or more passengers (except where the aircraft is exceptionally late or noisy), the same cannot be said for a much smaller aircraft which, on average, carries only a very small number of people.

In the case of the aircraft concerned, we believe that it actually arrived in Geneva yesterday at 22h04. It thus appears that either or both of the following two possibilities happened:-

- The departure was scheduled for after 22h.
- There was an unforeseen delay (such as the late arrival of the passengers).

We would appreciate any explanation of this unwelcome late takeoff, as well as an assurance that you will do everything in your power to avoid any similar repetition in the future.

If your company was not responsible for the detailed planning of this departure, but was merely making the aeroplane available to a third party, then we would appreciate you passing on a copy of this letter to the third party concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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