

Aircraft dumps fuel over Aarau

Geneva, 8 December 2008. On behalf of the Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), skyguide informs that a B772 of Air France was obliged to abort its flight on December 5 for technical reasons, and was forced to jettison fuel to bring its weight down to the maximum prescribed for landing.

The fuel was jettisoned over Aarau between 15.14 and 15.24 local time. The aircraft dumped a total of about 20 tonnes of aviation kerosene during this procedure. The fuel was dumped at 36.000 feet (approximately 12.000 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from Paris for Dubai. After dumping the fuel, it returned to Paris where it landed safely.

Skyguide reports all cases of fuel dumping to the Swiss aviation authorities. If it occurs over Southern Germany, the incident is also reported to the German Ministry of Transport and the DFS, Germany's air traffic management organisation.

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