

## **Aircraft dumps fuel over the Swiss-Italian border area**

**Geneva, 29 May 2012** Skyguide reports, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), that a Boeing 747-200 aircraft of Air Atlanta Icelandic had to abort its flight on 27 May 2012 owing to technical problems and was obliged to jettison fuel to bring its weight down to the maximum prescribed for landing.

The fuel was dumped between 22.55 and 23.03 local time over the southern Swiss Alps in the Swiss-Italian border area. The aircraft jettisoned a total of some 53 tonnes of kerosene. The fuel dump was performed at around 21 000 feet (approx. 6 400 metres) above sea level.

The aircraft had taken off from Luxembourg for Luanda, Angola. After jettisoning fuel, it landed safely again in Luxembourg.

All fuel dumping activities are subject to strict guidelines which are designed to minimise any additional risk to the aircraft and their impact on the environment. Responsibility for ensuring that the relevant guidelines are observed rests with the FOCA.

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