

Aircraft dumps fuel over Western Switzerland

Geneva, 4 January 2013. Skyguide reports, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), that an Airbus 340 aircraft of Air Mauritius had to turn around and abort its flight on 3 January 2013 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 11.20 and 12.00 local time over the Aosta Valley to the Eastern part of lake Geneva up to Dijon. The fuel dump was performed at around 32 000 feet (approx. 10 000 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from London for Mauritius. After jettisoning fuel, it landed safely in Paris.

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

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