

Aircraft dumps fuel over Western Switzerland

Geneva, 4 December 2013. Skyguide reports, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), that a Boeing 747 aircraft of Delta Airlines had to make an unscheduled landing at Amsterdam airport on its flight of 3 December 2013 due to an unruly passenger and was obliged to jettison fuel to bring its weight down to the maximum prescribed for landing.

The fuel was dumped between 03:30 and 04:00 hours local time on a route 20 kilometers west of Albertville (FR) above the western region of Lake Geneva at Rolle and up to Verdun (FR). The fuel dump was performed at around 32 000 feet (approx. 10 000 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from Tel Aviv for New York. After jettisoning fuel, it landed safely in Amsterdam.

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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