

Skyguide to further lower its approach charges for Switzerland's international airports: reduction of almost 8% from 1 January 2016

Geneva, 14 December 2015 Skyguide, Switzerland's air navigation services provider, is to make a further reduction in the approach charges it levies for Geneva and Zurich airports, to the benefit of its customers. The charges here will be lowered from the present CHF 364.66 to CHF 337.20 – a reduction of almost 8% – with effect from 1 January 2016.

In making this further reduction in its approach charges, skyguide is helping to ease the cost pressures on its customers, who are currently operating in a tough business environment. The lower approach charges are particularly welcome news to home carrier SWISS and to Easyjet, with its extensive Geneva operations.

In taking this action, skyguide is also consistently continuing the reductions in its charges which it has been effecting over the last few years. These have already seen the approach charges for Geneva and Zurich reduced by some 8% between 2010 and 2014. This current reduction is in line with the European Regulation to calculate the fees. Consequently, this fee reduction will vary depending on the weight of the airplane.

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Skyguide is responsible for providing air navigation services in Switzerland and in certain adjacent parts of neighbouring countries. With its workforce of 1,400 employees who are active at 14 locations in Switzerland, skyguide safely and reliably guides over 3,150 civil and military flights a day – or 1.1 million a year – through the busiest and most complex airspace in Europe.

Skyguide is committed to continuous improvement, targeted innovation and creative collaboration. Together with its partner organizations in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, skyguide is a member of the FABEC alliance to manage Central European airspace. Skyguide is a non-profit limited company, the majority of whose shares are held by the Swiss Confederation. Its head office is in Geneva.
