

Aircraft dumps fuel between Col du Mollendruz and Besançon

Geneva, December 10, 2007. A Boeing 747-200 of MK Airline was obliged to abort its flight on December 10, 2007 for technical reasons, and was forced to jettison fuel to bring its weight down to the maximum prescribed for landing.

The fuel was jettisoned between 14.00 and 14.30 local time in the region between Col du Mollendruz (VD) and Besançon (France). The aircraft dumped a total of 50 tons of aviation kerosene during this procedure. The fuel was dumped at 24000 feet (approx. 7300 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from Luxembourg for Abuja (Nigeria). After dumping the fuel, it landed safely back at Luxembourg.

Further information:

Please see the "Fuel Dumping" dossier at:

www.skyguide.ch/en/Dossiers/Dossier_Laerm_und_Umwelt/FuelDumping/

According to various scientific investigations, including studies conducted in Germany (by TÜV Rheinland) and Canada (by the National Research Council), the kerosene involved in a fuel dump evaporates into the air and poses no threat to the environment or to people on the ground.

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