

# Notification on the amendment of the German Air Traffic Act (LuftVG)

1 September 2021

## New regulation on the collection of Air Traffic Control charges at German aerodromes by the responsible Air Navigation Services Provider

The sixteenth law amending the German Air Traffic Act (LuftVG) created the legal framework to support air navigation services financed by charges at aerodromes (regional commercial airports and landing sites) that are not part of the group of international commercial airports pursuant to section 27(d) para. 1 of the LuftVG.

In accordance with the new section 1(a) of the Air Traffic Control Landing and Departure Charges Regulation (“FSAAKV”), the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (“BMVI”) has stipulated that, effective 1 September 2021, charges (fees and expenses) will be levied for the use of Air Traffic Control services and facilities by aircraft on approach and departure (tariff zone 2).

With the creation of a tariff zone 2, German regional commercial airports and aerodromes with instrument flight operations will be placed on an equal footing with international commercial airports in tariff zone 1 with regard to air traffic control charges. Under this new provision, the Air Traffic Control charges previously charged to you and collected by aerodrome operators will be charged and collected by the Air Navigation Services Providers operating at the relevant aerodromes as of 1 September 2021.

The same fee calculation procedures and fee rates as published in the Aeronautical Information Publication of the Federal Republic of Germany (AIP) for aerodromes in tariff zone 1 will apply. However unlike in tariff zone 1, the counting unit is the approach.

At the airports of **Dortmund, Friedrichshafen, Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, Lahr, Memmingen, Mönchengladbach, Niederrhein-Weeze, Paderborn-Lippstadt and Emden aerodrome**, we, DFS Aviation Services GmbH (DAS), are now also the Air Navigation Services Provider responsible for calculating and collecting air traffic control charges.

DAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH and an Air Navigation Services Provider certified by the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) with more than 400 employees in Germany and abroad. DAS provides Air Navigation Services at the 9 aerodromes as an official task for the Federal Republic of Germany under the legal and technical supervision of the Federal Supervisory Authority for Air Navigation Services (“BAF”).

When paying your fees owed, please note that we are an independent company and therefore have different bank details than our parent company DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH!

We are your contact for all questions concerning air traffic control charges. The calculation of charges, the distribution of charges notices and the collection of air traffic control charges are carried out by us or our exclusive cooperation partner aeroPS GmbH. At some airports there is the possibility that the air traffic control fee will be collected by the airport operator on our behalf on a cash basis. We are currently working on an option to send notices and make payments electronically. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [call@dfs-as.services](mailto:call@dfs-as.services).

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