

**RESOLUTION
ON THE LEVEL OF THE AIRPORT CHARGES AT SOFIA AIRPORT**

№ 3-644/30.10 2020

On the grounds of Article 122j of the Civil Aviation Act (CAA), in my capacity as a legal representative of the Airport Operator by virtue of Article 122f (1) of the CAA, after consultations held on the modification of the airport charges and observing the procedure laid down in Chapter X “B” of the CAA, taking into account the opinions of the airport Users, to whom this Resolution is addressed, as well as based on:

A) *The Methodology of determination the amount of the airport charges at airports with annual traffic of more than 5 million transported passengers or at airports with the greatest number of passengers carried on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (Sofia Airport)*, published in Appendix 1 to Article 1 (3) of the Charges Regulation for the usage of public airports and for the provision of air navigation services in the Republic of Bulgaria;

B) the exceptional circumstances within the meaning of art. 122g, para. 2 of the CAA caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of which many airport users failed to provide or provided late their forecasts for the natural indicators involved in the formation of charges, which created a need for the airport operator to review its financial policy, especially with regards to the costs, as well as to make it compliant with the signed concession contract for Sofia Airport, due to which the airport operator submitted the proposal for the change in the level of the airport charges less than four months before their entry into force;

C) The proposal to the airport Users and the representatives of Users’ associations regarding the modification of the airport charges along with justification of the proposed amendments, sent with letter reg. № 100-16492/16.10.2020 and published on the Internet at:

<https://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/business/airlines/charges-and-incentives>

D) Consultations held with the airport Users and the representatives of Users’ associations as defined in Article 122g (3) of the CAA, reflected in the minutes of 26.10.2020;

E) Information as per Article 122h of the CAA provided to the airport Users and the representatives of Users’ associations, as well as information regarding the annual monetary allowance for the National Supervisory Authority, according to the Directorate General “Civil Aviation Administration” letter reg. № 40-02-388/17.08.2020 (SA reg. № 100-13228/17.08.2020).

I DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

I. I determine the level of the airport charges at Sofia Airport as follows:

1. Landing Charge

1.1. The Landing Charge shall be levied per each tonne or part of it rounded to the next full tonne of the maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of the aircraft.

1.2. The charge is of the same amount for flights on International Services and for flights on Domestic Services.

1.3. The unit rate per tonne of aircraft MTOW is differentiated into **5 groups** (weight ranges) and it is as follows:

Group 1 – aircraft up to 3 t	–	EUR 5,00
Group 2 – aircraft over 3 t up to 25 t	–	EUR 9,30
Group 3 – aircraft over 25 t up to 65 t	–	EUR 7,50
Group 4 – aircraft over 65 t up to 100 t	–	EUR 6,90
Group 5 – aircraft over 100 t	–	EUR 6,80

1.4. The unit rate in each weight range for the period 01.01.-31.12.2021 includes monetary allowance of the National Supervisory Authority in the amount of **EUR 0,11 per tonne**.

1.5. The following Incentive discounts for Sofia Airport traffic development shall be applicable to the Landing Charge:

1.5.1. For **New scheduled intercontinental passenger route**:

Year 1 12 months from the inaugural flight on the route	99% reduction
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1.5.2. For **New scheduled passenger route – inside Europe**:

Year 1 12 months from the inaugural flight on the route	80% reduction
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1.5.3. For **New seasonal passenger route**:

Season 1 Within the first season of the flight schedule (Winter or Summer)	60% reduction
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1.5.4. For **All-cargo flights on a New International Route or additional all-cargo flights on existing international route**:

Year 1 12 months from the first flight on the route (new or additional)	40% reduction
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1.5.5. For **Increased capacity on existing passenger route by changing the type of aircraft**:

Year 1 12 months from the first flight on the route	50% reduction on MTOW difference
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1.5.6. For Support to air transport competitiveness on domestic routes:

Scheduled passenger flights on Domestic routes: Route Sofia – Burgas – Sofia Route Sofia – Varna – Sofia	70% reduction 90% reduction
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1.5.7. Lump incentive discounts for flights related to events promoting the air transport:

Lump incentive discount	50% reduction
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All discounts under it. 1.5. shall be applied under the conditions, criteria and procedures set out in the Sofia Airport Incentive Discounts Programme for traffic development 2021.

2. Parking Charge

2.1. The Parking Charge shall be levied per each tonne or part of it rounded to the next full tonne of the maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of the aircraft, per each started hour following the free period of stay.

2.2. The unit rate per tonne per hour is differentiated into **4 groups** depending on the period (day or night) and the type of the facility used (parking stand):

Operational Stand – “day”* EUR 0,164	Operational stand – “night”** EUR 0,057
Long-term Bay – “day”* EUR 0,023	Long-term Bay – “night”** EUR 0,023

* “Day” is the period between 06:00am till 22:59 pm local time

** “Night” is the period between 23:00pm till 05:59 am local time

2.3. Continuous stay on operating stand for more than 8 days is charged with a 50% increase on the Parking Charge.

2.4. Parking charge shall not be charged for aircraft stay up to:

- 2.4.1. 3 hours after landing – for aircraft performing passenger flights;
- 2.4.2. 6 hours after landing – for aircraft performing all-cargo flights with maximum take-off weight up to 150 tonnes;
- 2.4.3. 9 hours after landing – for aircraft performing all-cargo flights with maximum take-off weight over 150 tonnes.

2.5. The Airport Operator publishes a list of numbers of apron stands for operational stay of aircraft and a description of the areas designated as a Long-term Bay.

2.6. The Parking Charge rate for the period 01.01.-31.12.2021 includes “0” monetary allowance of the National Supervisory Authority.

2.7. The following Incentive discounts for Sofia Airport traffic development shall be applicable to the Parking Charge:

2.7.1. For **Air Carriers' aircraft home-based at Sofia Airport engaged in regular flight programme:**

More than 3 aircraft of the same Air Carrier are home-based at Sofia Airport	15% reduction on the charge for Operational stand – day and night
More than 6 aircraft of the same Air Carrier are home-based at Sofia Airport	30% reduction on the charge for Operational stand – day and night

2.7.2. **Lump incentive discounts** for flights related to events promoting the air transport:

Lump incentive discount	20% reduction for stay up to 24 hrs
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All discounts under it. 2.7. shall be applied under the conditions, criteria and procedures set out in the Sofia Airport Incentive Discounts Programme for traffic development 2021.

3. Passenger Charge

3.1. The Passenger Charge shall be levied for every departing passenger on international route or domestic route commencing travel at Terminal 1 and/or Terminal 2 at Sofia Airport or connecting from one flight to another:

International routes

Adults	EUR 11,66
Children	EUR 5,83

Domestic routes

Adults	EUR 6,24
Children	EUR 3,12

3.2. Children below 2 years of age and transit passengers are exempt from payment of this charge.

3.3. The unit rate per passenger for the period 01.01.-31.12.2021 includes monetary allowance of the National Supervisory Authority in the amount of **EUR 0,19 per departing passenger over 12 years of age (adult).**

3.4. The following Incentive discounts for Sofia Airport traffic development shall be applicable to the Passenger Charge:

3.4.1. For **Transfer passenger traffic on scheduled services:**

For passengers arriving on international or domestic flight and departing on international flight	60% reduction on the applicable passenger charge
For passengers arriving on international flight	

and departing on a domestic flight	
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All discounts under it. 3.4. shall be applied under the conditions, criteria and procedures set out in the Sofia Airport Incentive Discounts Programme for traffic development 2021.

4. Passenger Loading Bridge Usage Charge

4.1. The Passenger Loading Bridge Usage Charge shall only be charged for the use of this facility.

4.2. The unit rate is differentiated for an initial period of use up to 60 minutes and for each additional interval of commenced 15 minutes:

For initial period of up to 60 minutes	EUR 173
For each additional interval of 15 minutes or part thereof	EUR 66

4.3. The Passenger Loading Bridge Usage Charge shall be applied in the same amount, irrespective of the aircraft type, flight destination and the period of the day or night when the facility is being used.

4.4. In case the PLB usage is discontinued, the time of use after landing shall be summed with the time of use before take-off and the charge shall be levied for thus calculated total usage time. The period when the facility is not in use shall not be charged.

4.5. The rate for the period 01.01.-31.12.2021 for PLB usage includes “0” monetary allowance of the National Supervisory Authority.

4.6. The following Incentive discounts for Sofia Airport traffic development shall be applicable to the Passenger Loading Bridge User Charge:

4.6.1. **Lump incentive discounts** for flights related to events promoting the air transport:

Lump incentive discount	20% reduction
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All discounts under it. 4.6. shall be applied under the conditions, criteria and procedures set out in the Sofia Airport Incentive Discounts Programme for traffic development 2021.

5. Security Charge

5.1. The Security Charge shall be levied in a different way for aircraft carrying passengers and for aircraft performing all-cargo, technical or other flights without passengers on board.

5.2. The unit rate for aircraft carrying passengers shall be levied per each departing passenger (commencing travel at Sofia Airport or connecting from one flight to another).

Per departing passenger	EUR 6,54
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5.3. The Security Charge for passenger flights shall be applicable in the same amount for all passenger categories (adults and children), irrespective of the terminal where the departing flight is being handled and irrespective of the flight destination (on International or Domestic Services).

5.4. The Security Charge for aircraft carrying passengers for the period 01.01.-31.12.2021 includes monetary allowance of the National Supervisory Authority in the amount of **EUR 0,19 per each departing passenger**.

5.5. The Security Charge for aircraft without passengers on board shall be levied per each aircraft performing all-cargo, technical or other flight which does not carry passengers arriving at or departing from Sofia Airport.

5.6. The unit rate of the Security Charge is determined per flight and it is differentiated into 2 groups (weight ranges) depending on the maximum take-off weight of the aircraft as follows:

Once per flight (turnaround)	Aircraft with MTOW up to 6 tonnes	EUR 10,00
	Aircraft with MTOW above 6 tonnes	EUR 25,00

5.7. The Security Charge for aircraft without passengers on board shall be applicable in the same amount irrespective the flight destination (on International or on Domestic Services).

6. Noise (Environmental) Charge

6.1. The Noise (Environmental) Charge shall be levied per each tonne or part of it rounded to the next full tonne of the maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of the aircraft.

6.2. The Noise (Environmental) Charge shall be charged once per flight (turnaround) taking into account the time of landing and the time of the subsequent take-off of the same aircraft.

6.3. The unit rate is differentiated depending on the individual noise characteristics of the aircraft into 5 groups by noise certificates and into 3 time intervals - day, morning/evening and night:

EUR per tonne

Time of Landing (local time)	Noise category	Time of Take-off (local time)		
		07:00-22:59	06:00-06:59 23:00-23:59	00:00-05:59
07:00-22:59	Category 1	0,26	0,33	0,52
	Category 2	0,34	0,43	0,68
	Category 3	0,45	0,57	0,92
	Category 4	0,73	0,92	1,48
	Category 5	1,13	1,41	2,27
06:00-06:59 23:00-23:59	Category 1	0,32	0,39	0,58
	Category 2	0,42	0,51	0,76
	Category 3	0,57	0,68	1,03
	Category 4	0,91	1,10	1,66

	Category 5	1,40	1,69	2,55
00:00-05:59	Category 1	0,51	0,58	0,77
	Category 2	0,67	0,75	1,01
	Category 3	0,90	1,02	1,36
	Category 4	1,45	1,63	2,19
	Category 5	2,22	2,51	3,37

6.4. Aircraft with MTOW up to 9 tonnes and helicopters shall not be charged with a Noise (Environmental) Charge.

6.5. The Noise (Environmental) Charge rates for the period 01.01.-31.12.2021 include “0” monetary allowance of the National Supervisory Authority.

6.6. The basis for including an aircraft into a specific noise category shall be its individual noise certificate which depends on the cumulative noise margin* as follows:

Noise category	Description of noise category – aircraft parameters
1	Aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes, noise-certified in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Annex 16, Vol.1, Part II, Chapter 3 and 5, of cumulative noise margin equal to or greater than 20 dB Effective Perceived Noise (EPNdB).
2	Aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes, noise-certified in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Annex 16, Vol.1, Part II, Chapter 3 and 5, of cumulative noise margin from 15 to 19.9 EPNdB.
3	Aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes, noise-certified in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Annex 16, Vol.1, Part II, Chapter 3 and 5, of cumulative noise margin from 10 to 14.9 EPNdB.
4	Aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes, noise-certified in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Annex 16, Vol.1, Part II, Chapter 3 and 5, of cumulative noise margin from 5 to 9.9 EPNdB.
5	Aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes, noise-certified in accordance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Annex 16, Vol.1, Part II, Chapter 3 and 5, of cumulative noise margin equal to or less than 4.9 EPNdB, aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes, noise-certified in accordance with Chapter 2 that do not meet the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Annex 16, Vol.1, Part II, Chapter 3 and 5 and aircraft with MTOW over 9 tonnes for which a noise certificate is not submitted.

**Cumulative noise margin* – the figure obtained by adding the difference between the maximum permitted noise level for a given aircraft and the noise level indicated in the noise certificate, according to measurements at the reference noise measurement points (lateral, flyover and approach certification points). The maximum permitted noise levels and the reference noise measurement points are defined in Vol.1, Part II of Annex 16 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

II. Entry into force and announcement of the Resolution

1. This Resolution comes into effect as from **1st January, 2021**.
2. This Resolution shall be effective for the period from **1st January till 31st December 2021**.
3. The Resolution shall be announced at least in one daily publication, shall be published on the Sofia Airport EAD's web site and shall be sent to all airport Users and representatives of Users' associations.

III. This Resolution is subject to appeal within 14 days from this announcement, to the Director General of the DG "Civil Aviation Administration".

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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