

Noise Contours around Brussels Airport for the Year 2015

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1 Introduction

Noise contours are calculated every year in order to perform an assessment of the noise impact caused by departing and landing aircraft on the area surrounding the airport. These noise contours reflect the evolutions of the number of movements and fleet changes, and also the actual usage of runways for take-off and landing. Weather conditions and coincidental events also affect this actual usage. The effect of new measures is also assessed. To check their accuracy, the noise contours are compared with the sound measurements at a number of locations around the airport.

Between 1996 and 2014, these contours were calculated by the Acoustics and Thermal Physics Laboratory of the Belgian university KULeuven. This assignment has been carried out by the WAVES research group of the Ghent University (UGent) since 2015. The calculations are commissioned by the airport operator which is currently Brussels Airport Company. The calculations are imposed on Brussels Airport pursuant to Flemish environmental legislation (VLAREM) which was amended in $2005¹$ in accordance with the European guideline on the assessment and control of environmental noise, and the environmental permit² of Brussels Airport Company.

1.1 Required calculations

In accordance with the VLAREM environmental legislation, the operator of an airport classified in category³ must have the following noise contours calculated annually:

- \bullet L_{den} noise contours of 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 dB(A) to show noise impact over 24 hours and to determine the number of people who are potentially highly annoyed;
- \bullet L_{day} noise contours of 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 dB(A) to show noise impact during the day from 07:00 to 19:00;
- \bullet L_{evening} noise contours of 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 dB(A) to show noise impact during the evening from 19:00 to 23:00;
- \bullet L_{night} noise contours of 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 dB(A) to show noise impact at night from 23:00 to 07:00;

In addition to the VLAREM obligations, the environmental permit of Brussels Airport Company imposes extra noise contour calculations for:

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 1 Belgian Official Gazette, Decision by the Flemish Government on the evaluation and control of environmental noise, amending the decision of the Flemish Government of 1 June 1995 on the general and sector-specific rules on environmental health, 31 August 2005.

² AMV/0068637/1014B AMV/0095393/1002B; Decision by the Flemish minister of Public Works, Energy, Environment and Nature, containing the judgement relating to the appeals lodged against the Decision with reference D/PMVC/04A06/00637 of 8 July 2004 by the provincial executive of the provincial council of Flemish Brabant, on granting of the environmental license for a period expiring on 8 July 2024 to NV Brussels International Airport Company (B.I.A.C), Vooruitgangsstraat 80 bus 2, 1030 Brussels, to continue operating and to alter (by adding to it) an airport located at Brussels National Airport in 1930 Zaventem, 1820 Steenokkerzeel, 1830 Machelen and 3070 Kortenberg, 30 December 2004 .

 3 Class 1 airports: airports that meet the requirements of the Chicago Convention of 1944 on the establishing of the International Civil Aviation Organisation and with a take-off and arrival runway of at least 800 metres

- L_{night} and L_{den} noise contours such as required by the present VLAREM obligation;
- Frequency contours for 70 dB(A) and 60 dB(A); as in preceding years, Brussels Airport Company requested UGent to calculate the following frequency contours:
	- o Frequency contours for 70 dB(A) during the day period (07:00 to 23:00) with frequencies 5x, 10x, 20x, 50x and 100x
	- \circ Frequency contours for 70 dB(A) at night (07:00 to 23:00) with frequencies 1x, 5x, 10x, 20x and 50x
	- \circ Frequency contours for 60 dB(A) during the day period (07:00 to 23:00) with frequencies 50x, 100x, 150x, and 200x
	- \circ Frequency contours for 60 dB(A) at night (23:00 to 07:00) with frequencies 10x, 15x, 20x, and 30x

The calculation of the noise contours must be carried out in accordance with the 'Integrated Noise Model' (INM) of the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), version 6.0c or later.

The number of people who are potentially highly annoyed within the various L_{den} contour zones must be determined on the basis of the dose response relationship laid down in VLAREM.

The noise zones must be shown on a 1/25 000 scale map.

1.2 History of noise contours

The annual calculation of noise contours started in 1996. Until VLAREM was amended to comply with the European guideline on environmental noise in 2005, the following division of the day was used (day: $06:00 - 23:00$; night: $23:00 - 06:00$). Since VLAREM was adjusted in accordance with the guideline, the noise contours reports are calculated officially according to the division of the day in the guideline (day: 07:00 – 19:00; evening: 19:00 – 23:00; night: 23:00 – 07:00). Since 2015, the annual calculation is no longer carried out by the Acoustics and Thermal Physics Laboratory of KULeuven but by the WAVES research group of the Ghent University. During this transition of executing party, it has been verified that the calculation models and assumptions do not lead to discontinuities in the results.

1.3 INM: Integrated Noise Model

For the calculation of the noise contours since 2011, the latest version of the INM calculation model, i.e. INM 7 (subversion INM 7.0b) has been used. For the years 2000 to 2010, model version 6.0c was always used for the officially reported noise contours. Because the model used and the related aircraft database have an impact on the calculation of the noise contours, the noise contours for the year 2000 and for the years 2006 to 2010 were recalculated with version 7.0b⁴. In this way, it is possible to assess the evolution of the noise contours since 2000 without being affected by the calculation model used.

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 4 With regard to the frequency contours of 60 and 70 dB(A), the year 2010 was recalculated with version 7.0b of the INM calculation model

1.4 Population data

The most recent population data available is used to determine the number of inhabitants living inside the contour zones and the number of people who are potentially highly annoyed. Based on inquiries with the Office for Statistics and Economic Information (also called National Institute for Statistics), these were revealed to be the population figures as of 1 January 2011.

1.5 Source data

For the calculation of the noise contours and in order to be able to compare the results against those of the noise monitoring network, Brussels Airport Company has made source data available. A comprehensive summary of these source data carrying references to the corresponding files has been included in Appendix [5.7.](#page-86-0)

1.6 INM study

Brussels Airport Company was also provided with the following files in digital format by way of appendices to the report:

- UGENT_EBBR15_INM_studie.zip (the INM study used)
- UGENT EBBR15 noise contours.zip (the contours as calculated in shape format)
- UGENT_EBBR15_opp_inw.zip (the number of inhabitants and the surface area as calculated within the noise contours)

2 Definitions

2.1 Explanation of a few frequently-used terms

2.1.1 Noise contours

As a result of flight traffic, noise impact is either observed or calculated for every point around the airport. Due to a difference in distance from the noise source, these values may vary sharply from one point to another. Noise contours are isolines or lines of equal noise impact. These lines connect together points where equal noise impact is observed or calculated.

The noise contours with the highest values are those situated closest to the noise source. Further away from the noise source, the value of the noise contours is lower.

2.1.2 Frequency contours

The acoustic impact of overflight by an aircraft can be characterised at every point around the airport by, for example, the maximum noise level observed during overflight. This maximum noise level can be determined, for example, as the maximum of the equivalent sound pressure levels over 1 second $(L_{Aeq,1s,max})^5$ during this overflight.

The number of times that the maximum sound pressure level exceeds a particular value can be calculated for the passage of an entire fleet. The number of times on average that this value is exceeded each day is the excess frequency. Frequency contours connect locations where this number is equal.

2.1.3 Noise zones

A noise zone is the zone delimited by two successive noise contours. The noise zone 60-65 dB(A) is, for example, the zone delimited by the noise contours of 60 and 65 dB(A).

2.1.4 The A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level LAeq,T

The noise caused by overflying aircraft is not a constant noise, but has the characteristic of rising sharply to a maximum level and thereafter declining sharply again. To represent the noise impact at a specific place and as a result of fluctuating sounds over a period, the A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level $L_{Aea,T}$ is used (see Figure 1).

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⁵ The INM calculation program calculates the quantity L_{Amax,slow}. However, the values for this quantity are similar to those for the quantity $L_{Aea.1s.max.}$

The A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level $L_{Aeq,T}$, over a period T, is the sound pressure level of the *constant* sound containing the same acoustic energy in that same period, or is a representation of the average quantity of acoustic energy observed over the period T per second. The unit for an Aweighted equivalent sound pressure level is the dB(A).

The designation A-weighted (index A) means that an A-filter is used to determine the sound pressure levels. This filter reflects the pitch sensitivity of the human ear. Sounds at frequencies to which the ear is sensitive are weighted more than sounds at frequencies to which our hearing is less sensitive. Internationally, A-weighting is accepted as the standard measurement for determining noise impact around airports. This A-weighting is also applied in the VLAREM legislation on airports.

Three types of $L_{Aea,T}$ contours are calculated in this report:

- L_{day} : the equivalent sound pressure level for the daytime period, defined as the period between 07:00 and 19:00
- L_{evening}: the equivalent sound pressure level for the evening period, defined as the period between 19:00 and 23:00
- L_{night} : the equivalent sound pressure level for the night period, defined as the period between 23:00 and 07:00

2.1.5 Lden

To obtain an overall picture of the annoyance around the airport, it is usually opted not to use the equivalent sound pressure level over 24 hours, or $L_{Aeq,24h}$. Noise during the evening or night period is always perceived as more annoying than the same noise during the daytime period. $L_{Aeq,24h}$, for example, does not take this difference into account at all.

The European directive on the control and assessment of environmental noise (transposed in VLAREM), recommends using the L_{den} parameter to determine the annoyance. The L_{den} (Level Day-**E**vening-**N**ight) is the A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level over 24 hours, with a (penalty) correction of 5 dB(A) applied for noise during the evening period (equivalent to an increase of the number of evening flights by a factor of 3.16), and 10 dB(A) during the night (equivalent to an increase of the number of night flights by a factor of 10). For the calculation of the L_{den} noise contours, the day division used by section 57 of VLAREM is used, with the evening period from 19:00 to 23:00 and the night period from 23:00 to 07:00.

2.2 Link between annoyance and noise impact

A dose response relationship is imposed by VLAREM to determine the number of people who are potentially highly annoyed within the L_{den} noise contour of 55 dB(A). This equation shows the percentage of the population that is highly annoyed by the noise impact expressed in L_{den} (Figure 2).

% highly annoyed = -9.199*10⁻⁵(L_{den}-42)³+3.932*10⁻²(L_{den}-42)²+0.2939(L_{den}-42)

Figure 2: Percentage of people who are potentially highly annoyed due to Lden for aircraft noise.

(source: VLAREM – environmental legislation based on Miedema 2000)

The aforementioned equation was established from a synthesis/analysis of various noise annoyance studies at various European and American airports carried out by Miedema⁶ and was adopted by the WG2 Dose/effect of the European Commission⁷.

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⁶ Miedema H.M.E., Oudshoorn C.G.M., Elements for a position paper on relationships between transportation noise and annoyance, TNO report PG/VGZ/00.052, July 2000

 7 European Commission, WG2 – Dose/effect, Position paper on dose response relationships between transportation noise and annoyance, 20 February 2002

3 Methodology

Determining noise contours implies the calculation of lines with the same noise impact. An internationally recognised method is used to do this which is implemented in standardised software.

Noise contours are calculated using the 'Integrated Noise Model' (INM) of the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This model and the methodology used comply with the methodology prescribed in the VLAREM legislation (chapter 5.57 Airports).

The procedure for calculating noise contours consists of three phases:

- Collection of information concerning the flight movements, the routes flown, aircraft characteristics and meteorological data.
- Execution of the calculations.
- Post-processing of the contours into a Geographic Information System (GIS).

3.1 Data input

INM calculates noise contours around the airport based on an average day/evening/night input file. An average day is not a typical day on which the airport is used normally. It is based on the data for a complete year, where an average twenty-four-hour period is determined by bringing all movements in that year into the calculation, and then dividing it by the number of days in the year.

Aircraft follow certain routes which are essentially determined by the runway used and the SID flown (Standard Instrument Departure) for take-offs or by the runway used and the STAR (Standard Instrument Arrival) for arrivals. The existing SIDs and STARs are shown in the AIP, Aeronautical Information Publication. This official documentation specifies the procedures to be followed for the flight movements at a specific airport. Runway usage and flight paths depend on the time of day and are influenced by weather conditions: taking off and landing is with maximum headwind to increase the lift of the wings. This documentation may change over time.

3.1.1 Information about aircraft movements

The following data is required to specify aircraft movements:

- Aircraft type
- Time
- Nature of the movement (departure/arrival)
- Destination or origin
- Runway used
- SID followed

The flight information is provided by Brussels Airport Company as an export of the flight movements from the central database (CDB). All the necessary information is stored in this database. The quality of the data is very good.

A matching INM aircraft type is linked to every aircraft type based on type, engines, registration, etc. In most cases, the aircraft types are present in INM or in the standardised list with valid alternatives. For a minority of aircraft that cannot yet be identified in INM, an equivalent is sought based on other data (the number and type of engines and the MTOW (maximum take-off weight), etc.).

Helicopters are not included specifically in the calculations but they are added proportionally to the movement type (landing/take-off) and the time of day. Helicopter flights represent about 1% of movements. A SID is not available for some departures (usually domestic flights with smaller aircraft). These flights are also added proportionally to the flight data (about 0.8 %).

3.1.2 Radar data

A number of SIDs are given per runway in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). These departure descriptions are not geographical stipulations, but are laid down as procedures. They must be followed when a certain height or geographical location is reached. Reaching this height and/or geographical location depends on the aircraft type, weight (and indirectly the destination) and on weather conditions. This may result in a very large geographical distribution of the actual flight paths for the same SID. This creates bundles of movements that use the same or similar SIDs.

A method is available in INM to take this distribution into account. This manual method (one action per bundle) is automated in this version of the noise calculations without using the internal method in INM.

The SIDs are grouped together for the departure movements in a number of larger bundles and a static division is used for those bundles based on the actual flown paths. This static method is an improvement compared to the built-in methodology of INM which uses a symmetrical distribution of the actual flown paths while the distribution of the paths in bundles is generally asymmetrical. For a number of frequently-used SIDS, the movements are divided further by aircraft category.

Grouping by approach path is not possible for arrivals using the information in the CDB. For this reason, the bundles for arrivals are divided on the basis of geographical data. Approaches for runways 25R and 25L are from the south-east, north or north-west, or from longer distances aligned with the runway. No distinctions are made by aircraft type for approaches because the approach path is not influenced by this factor.

3.1.3 Meteorological data

For the calculation of the contours for 2015, the actual average meteorological conditions are used. The weather data are available via Brussels Airport Company every twenty minutes. The wind direction, wind speed and temperatures are linked to the individual flight movements. The headwind is calculated for each individual flight movement and for the runway used.

The wind speed is provided in accordance with the calculation method and converted to knots (kn). The meteorological parameters for 2015 are:

Average headwind (annual average across all runways, take-off and landing): 5.0 kn

- Average temperature: 11.9 °C or 53.4 °F.
- Average headwind per runway:
	- o 25R: 5.0 kn
	- o 25L: 5.1 kn
	- o 07R: 4.6 kn
	- o 07L: 4.4 kn
	- o 19: 5.7 kn
	- o 01: 4.9 kn

3.1.4 Take-off profile

The weight of the aircraft influences the take-off profile at departure. Given that this actual weight is not available in the CDB, a method proposed by INM is used to factor in this effect (INM parameter stage). It is assumed that the greater the distance from Brussels Airport to the destination, the more this aircraft will operate at its maximum take-off weight. This is justified, among others, by the fact that the kerosene constitutes an important part of the total weight of an aircraft. This complies with the methodology of the preceding annual reports.

The co-ordinates of all airports can be found on the website 'http://openflights.org/data.html'. This list is used to calculate the distance to Brussels Airport from any airport.

3.2 Execution of the contour calculations

3.2.1 Match between measurements (NMS) and calculations (INM)

INM enables calculations at specific locations around the airport. To check the calculated noise contours, the calculated noise impact is compared with sound measurements taken at 30 locations.

The comparison with measurements provides a validation of the calculations. Note that the noise calculations as well as the noise measurements imply specific uncertainties. For example, the noise calculations group flight movements and do not consider the actual height of an aircraft flying over (this is determined by the assigned INM standard departure profile, not by the actual radar data). The noise measurements are influenced by varying meteorological conditions that change the noise propagation conditions between the aircraft and the measuring station, and this may lead to significant level variations. The measuring stations are unmanned because they are monitored continuously throughout the year. Local deviations caused by local noise events for example may affect the measured levels. Although these deviations are removed from the measurements as much as possible, their contribution to the measurements recorded cannot always be avoided.

Reliability of the calculation method can however be achieved when there is sufficient matching between the annual averages of the measured noise events and the annual average forecast based on the average day, across a sufficient number of measuring stations.

3.2.2 Technical data

The calculations are carried out with INM 7.0b with a refinement 9 and tolerance 0.5 within a grid from 8 nmi⁸ northwards and southward in relation to the airport reference measuring point, and 18 nmi westwards and 16 nmi eastwards. The altitude of the airport reference measuring point in relation to sea level is 184 ft.

3.2.3 Calculation of frequency contours

The noise contours are calculated directly in INM. Frequency contours show the number of times a certain value is exceeded; these contours cannot be provided directly by INM.

INM is able to calculate the maximum noise pressure on a regular grid per aircraft movement. This information is input in GIS to calculate frequency contours with standard functionality.

4 Results

4.1 Background information about interpreting the results

4.1.1 Number of flight movements

One of the most important factors in the calculation of the annual noise contours around an airport is the number of movements which occurred during the past year. Following the decline of the number of movements between 2011 and 2013, and an increase of 6.9% in 2014, the number of movements rose again in 2015 by 3.4% (from 231,528 to 239,349).

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 8 1 nmi (nautical mile) = 1.852 km (kilometre)

The number of night-time movements (23:00-06:00) rose in 2015 by 2.1% from 16,187 to 16,521 (including 4,981 take-offs). This includes helicopter movements and the movements exempt from slot co-ordination such as government flights, military flights, etc.

In 2015, the number of assigned night slots⁹ for aircraft movements remained at 15,869, including 4,463 for departures, within the limitations imposed on the slot co-ordinator of Brussels Airport who since 2009 has been authorised to distribute a maximum of 16,000 night slots, of which a maximum of 5,000 may be allocated to departures (MD 21/01/2009, official amendment to the environmental permit).

The number of movements during the operational day period (06:00 to 23:00) rose by 3.5% from 215,341 in 2014 to 222,828 in 2015.

Figure 4: Evolution of flight traffic during the night (23:00-06:00) at Brussels Airport.

As a result of changes to the Vlarem legislation in 2005, noise contours are no longer measured based on a daily breakdown that coincides with the operating schedule at Brussels Airport, but, rather, the day is split up into a daytime period (07:00 - 19:00), an evening period (19:00 - 23:00) and a night period (23:00 - 07:00). The number of movements in 2015, the data for 2014 and the trend are shown in [Table 1.](#page-18-1) The numbers for the night period are broken down further by operational nights (23:00 - 06:00) and the morning period (06:00 - 07:00).

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 9 night slot: permission given by the co-ordinator of the Brussels National airport, pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No. 95/93 of the Council of 18 January 1993 concerning common rules for allocating slots at community airports, to use the entire infrastructure required for the exploitation of an air service at the airport of Brussels National on a specified date and at a specified landing and take-off time during the night as assigned by the coordinator;

Table 1: Number of movements (incl. helicopter movements) in 2015 and the change vs.2014 (VLAREM division of the day).

For the daytime period (07:00 - 19:00), the number of movements has increased by 3.5% compared to 2014. This increase is greater for the number of departures (+4.1%) than for the number of landings (+2.8%).

For the evening period (19:00 - 23:00), the number of departures increased by 2.9% and the number of landings by about 5.9%.

For the night period (23:00 - 07:00), the number of departures increased by 0.3% and the number of landings by 2.0%. The number of departures increased by 6.4% during the operational night (23:00 - 06:00). The number of departures dropped in the period between 06:00 and 07:00 (-2.9%). The number of landings rose during the night period (23:00 - 07:00) by 2.0%. During the morning hour (06:00 – 07:00), the number of landings rose by 13.3%, and during the operational night (23:00 - 06:00) by only 0.3%.

4.1.2 Other important evolutions

In addition to the number of movements, a number of other parameters also determine the size and the position of the noise contours, such as the runway and route used, flight procedures and the deployed fleet. The most important changes are summarised below.

4.1.2.1 Fleet changes during the operational night

The most frequently used aircraft during the operational night period (23:00 - 06:00) in 2015 is the A320 (19.4% of movements in 2015), followed by the B752 (15.6%), the A319 (8.9%), the A306 (8.9%), the B738 (6.8%) and the B763 (6.0%). The portion of the A306 rose sharply between 2014 and 2015 while the portion of the B738 dropped sharply.

The ratio is clearly different for departures during the operational night. The B752 is the aircraft that takes off the most frequently (25.7%), followed by the A306 (14.45%), the A320 (9.8%), the B763 (9.6%) and the B733 (9.2%). The movements by the A306 as well as the A320 rose sharply in 2015 compared to 2014.

The number of movements in the year 2015 involving aircraft with an MTOW in excess of 136 tonnes (heavy aircraft) during the operational night period is 4,056, an increase of 18.5% compared to 2014 (3,422 movements). Departures of heavy aircraft most frequently involve the A306 (from 551 to 720), the B763 (from 510 to 480) and the B77L (from 152 to 157). The least frequently used heavy aircraft are deployed even less frequently for departures during the night period compared to 2014. The fleet replacement operation by DHL (A30B to A306) has been completed. The evolution of the most frequently used aircraft types during the operational night period are set out in [Table 2](#page-19-0) (heavy aircraft) an[d Table 3](#page-20-0) (lighter aircraft).

Table 2: Evolution of the number of flight movements per aircraft type during the operational night period (23:00-06:00) for the most common heavy (MTOW > 136 tonnes) aircraft types.

Table 3: Evolution of the number of flight movements per aircraft type during the operational night period (23:00-06:00) for the most common light (MTOW < 136 tonnes) aircraft types.

4.1.2.2 Runway and route usage

Preferential route usage

The preferential runway usage, published in the AIP (Belgocontrol), shows which runway should preferably be used, depending on the time when the movement occurs, and in some cases on the destination and the MTOW of the aircraft. This scheme did not change during the year 2015 (see [Table 4\)](#page-21-0).

If the preferential runway configuration cannot be used (for example due to meteorological conditions, works on one of the runways, etc.), then Belgocontrol will choose the most suitable alternative configuration, taking account the weather conditions, the equipment of the runways, the traffic density, etc. In this respect, conditions are tied to the preferential runway usage arrangements, including wind limits expressed as a maximum crosswind and maximum tailwind at which each runway can be used. If these limits are exceeded, air traffic control must switch to an alternative configuration. Under preferential runway usage conditions, the maximum tailwind for gusts is 7 kt and the maximum crosswind is 20 kt. In the event of alternative runway usage, the maximum speeds for gusts are also 20 kt for crosswind but only 3 kt for tailwind.

Table 4: Preferential runway usage since 19/09/2013 (local time) (source: AIP 11/12/2014 to 10/12/2015)

(1) Runway 25R for traffic via ELSIK, NIK, HELEN, DENUT, KOK and CIV / Runway 19 for traffic via LNO, SPI, SOPOK, PITES and ROUSY (aircraft with MTOW between 80 and 200 tonnes can use runway 25R or 19, aircraft with MTOW > 200 tonnes must use runway 25R, regardless of their destination).

(2) Runway 25L only if air traffic control considers this necessary.

(3) Between 01:00 and 06:00, no slots may be allocated for departures.

(4) Between 00:00 and 06:00, no slots may be allocated for departures.

Runway usage

The portion of departures on runway 25R drops significantly from 82% in 2014 to 73% in 2015. This decrease was mainly caused by the major maintenance works to runway 25L-07R during the period 27 May 2015 to 19 August 2015. During this period, runway 25R was used under normal conditions to handle all landings and some of the departures were consequently moved to runway 19. This explains the sharp increase of the number of departures on runway 19 from 4,702 to 14,447 (nearly tripled). These maintenance works also resulted in fewer departures on runway 07R from 12.1% to 9.8% and runways 01 and 07L were also used less frequently. These movements are similar for day, evening and night flights. 25R is used relatively less during the night (see also the preferential runway usage diagram in the previous paragraph).

Landings were also subject to significant changes due mainly to the aforementioned maintenance works to runway 25L-07R. The closure of the main runway 25L resulted in landings being moved to runway 25R. The portion of the number of landings in 2014 is 54.6% for 25L and 27.4% for runway 25R. In 2015, these percentages are 42.2% for 25L and 40.3% for runway 25R. The number of landings on runway 19 dropped by nearly 50% (4,641 to 2,897). The changes are different for day, evening and night.

A complete overview of runways used in 2015 is included in appendi[x 5.1.](#page-39-1)

Changes in the SIDs

On 2/4/2015, several changes were made to the SIDs of runways 25R/25L as a result of a moratorium imposed by the Federal Government, and the situation was rolled back to that of 6/2/2014. An overview of all flown SIDs per month, runway and time of day can be found in appendix [5.1.](#page-39-1)

4.2 Noise measurements - LAeq,24h

The INM software enables a number of acoustic parameters to be calculated at a specified location around the airport By performing this calculation at the locations of the measuring stations of the Noise Monitoring System(NMS), it can be examined to what extent the calculated values correspond to the values registered and processed by the measuring system. Different data sources are used in the NMS system and correlated with each other: noise measurements, CDB, radar tracks and weather. Measurements and calculations are compared for the parameters $L_{Aeq,24h}$, L_{night} and L_{den} .

The calculated values are compared with the values resulting from correlated measured events. Only the acoustic parameters of an event are recorded by the monitoring network. To select the events resulting from aircraft, an automatic link is made in the NMS to the flight and radar data; these events are correlated.

The system of correlation is definitely not perfect and events are regularly attributed to overflying traffic and vice versa. To minimise the contribution of such incorrect classifications, a trigger level is set with a minimum duration time: an event is only expected when the trigger level of 10 s is exceeded. The event ends when the trigger level is not achieved during 5 s. The trigger levels are set for each measuring station and depend on the local noise in the area. These trigger levels were evaluated in the beginning of 2015 and adjusted for several measuring stations. On that occasion, the maximum duration of an event was increased from 75 s (for 2014) to 125 s. The probability that this is caused by an aircraft is very small for longer events. Note that a correlation is also necessary with a registered aircraft movement besides the conditions relating to the event duration and trigger level.

The table below compares the calculated values at the different measuring station locations and the values calculated on the basis of the correlated events for the parameters $L_{Aeq,24h}$, L_{night} and L_{den} . The results of the LNE measuring stations (with codes NMT 40-1 and higher) of which the data are also available and linked to flight data in the NMS of the airport, are also recorded besides the measuring stations of Brussels Airport Company, . An overview of the locations of all measuring stations is included in Appendix [5.2.](#page-42-0)

The measuring stations NMT01-2, NMT03-3, NMT 15-3 and NMT 23-1 are situated on the airport site and/or in the immediate vicinity of the runway system and the airport facilities. The flight-correlated noise events comprise contributions from ground noise as well as overflights, or a combination of both. The link to specific flight movements is not always equally reliable for these measuring stations. For these reasons, the measured values at these measuring stations are less relevant for assessing noise emission from overflying aircraft, and these are consequently not considered in the comparison of simulations and measurements.

The fraction of time that the measuring system is active (so-called uptime) is very high with an average of 99.7 % across all measuring stations. It is expected that practically no noise events are missed when the measuring stations are off-line. The lowest uptime fraction was recorded at measuring station Wemmel (NMT14-1), but this is still 97.9 %.

The comparison between calculations and measurements based on the $L_{Aeq,24h}$ shows that the discrepancy between the calculated value and the measured value for all the measuring stations, except NMT01-2, NMT03-3, NMT 15-3 and NMT 23-1 (see previous paragraph) remains limited to 2 dB(A). For more than half of the measuring stations, this discrepancy is even limited to less than 1 dB(A). The global discrepancy between simulations and measurements is 1.1 dB(A) (root-meansquare error, RMSE).

The measured value at the measuring station Bertem (NMT48-3) is lower than calculated (difference is 3.4 dB(A)). This location is characterised in 2015 by very low noise levels caused by aircraft movements; the aircraft noise is an irrelevant component of the environmental noise and this typically results in major discrepancies.

A slightly higher level is measured than predicted at measuring stations Nossegem (NMT04-1), Sterrebeek (NMT07-1), Sint-Pieters-Woluwe (NMT11-2) and Kraainem (NMT24-1) but this difference remains between 1 and 2 dB(A). The predictions do not show overall overestimates or underestimates across all measuring stations: the linear average between simulations and measurements is only 0.1 dB(A) (once again excluding measuring points NMT01-2, NMT03-3, NMT 15-3 and NMT 23-1).

The overall deviation between measurements and simulations for L_{night} is slightly higher (1.5 dB(A) RMSE, excluding measuring points NMT01-2, NMT03-3, NMT 15-3 and NMT 23-1). At one measuring location, namely Sterrebeek, a level is calculated that is lower than the measurements (between 2 and 3 dB(A)). At measuring locations Meise, Perk and Bertem, the predicted level is too high when compared with the measurements (more than 2 dB(A)). The simulations show a limited linear average difference globally across all measuring locations (0.2 dB(A), excluding measuring points NMT01-2, NMT03-3, NMT 15-3 and NMT 23-1).

The RMSE is 1.3 $dB(A)$ for the noise indicator L_{den} . The measuring location Bertem shows a high overestimate of the measured levels. Only one location, namely Sterrebeek, has measurements which are underestimated by more than 2 dB(A).

The increase of the maximum noise event duration from 75 s (in 2014) to 125 s (in 2015) in the measurement network shows an average difference of 0.1 dB(A) for the considered noise level indicators. Maximum discrepancies between these event duration times across all measuring locations are 0.3 dB(A). This change consequently has only a limited effect on the measured levels.

Table 5: Match between calculations and measurements for noise indicator LAeq,24h (in dB(A)). The grey rows in the table indicate comparisons between measurements and calculations which are difficult to perform (see text).

* LNE noise data off-line correlated by the NMS

Table 6: Match between calculations and measurements for noise indicator Lnight (in dB(A)). The grey rows in the table indicate comparisons between measurements and calculations which are difficult to perform (see text).

* LNE noise data off-line correlated by the NMS

Table 7: Match between calculations and measurements for noise indicator L_{den} (in dB(A)). The grey rows in the table **indicate comparisons between measurements and calculations which are difficult to perform (see text).**

* LNE noise data off-line correlated by the NMS

4.3 Noise contours

The results of the noise contour calculations for the parameters described above (L_{day} , $L_{evening}$, L_{night} , L_{den} , freq.70, and freq.60) are presented in appendix [5.4](#page-45-0) and appendi[x 5.5.](#page-53-0)

The surface area and the number of inhabitants are calculated for the noise contours, and the number of highly annoyed is determined according to the methods described in chapter [2.2.](#page-12-0) The results are available per municipality in appendix [5.4.](#page-45-0) The contours of 2014 and 2015 are compared in appendix [5.5.](#page-53-0) Appendix [5.6](#page-70-0) contains the evolution of the surface area per contour zone and the number of inhabitants in the contour zones. The historical data were recalculated using the latest version of INM (7.0b) and applied to the population data of the year in question.

4.3.1 Lday contours

The L_{day} contours represent the A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level for the period 07:00 to 19:00 and are reported from 55 dB(A) to 75 dB(A) in steps of 5 dB(A). The evolution of the contours for 2014 and 2015 is shown in [Figure 6.](#page-29-1)

The evaluation period for the L_{day} contours falls entirely within the operational daytime period (06:00) to 23:00) as specified at Brussels Airport. This means that the 'Departure 25R – Landing 25L/25R' runway usage is to be preferred at all times, except at the weekend on Saturdays after 16:00 and on Sundays before 16:00 when departures are distributed over 25R and 19. When this preferential runway usage cannot be applied due to weather conditions (north-eastern wind), then the combination of departures from 07R/07L and landings on 01 is generally applied.

A shift of all contours is visible to the north-east of Brussels Airport. This is mainly explained by the shift of arrivals. Three are more arrivals on runway 25R (from 18,695 in 2014 to 30,832 in 2015) due to the temporary closure of runway 25L. On the other hand, the number of arrivals on runway 25L has dropped from 44,997 to 35,598. The limited decline of departures from 07R (from 10,402 to 8.491) may also have an effect.

Practically no changes in the contours for levels above 60 dB(A) are visible to the west of Brussels Airport, however, the 55 dB(A) contour seems to bulge wider to the north and the south while its range extends less far forward along the axis of the runway. The number of departures from runway 25R dropped slightly (from 62,149 in 2014 to 58,908 in 2015). This is also the consequence of the temporary closure of runway 25L whereby some of the departures were moved to runway 19. This reduction is partially compensated by more landings on 07L. The number of flights that take off from runway 25R and continue straight ahead has dropped significantly compared to 2014 as a result of the moratorium imposed on 2 April 2015. The number of flights that veer off to the right has practically remained the same and the number of flights that veer off to the left fell slightly; this is explained by the moving of departures to runway 19 while runway 25L was closed. The moratorium of 2 April 2015 also imposed other take-off procedures for departures from runway 25R with a curve to the left (see [Figure 5\)](#page-28-0). The standard procedure (SID) now has a shorter curve for some of these departures. The use of the new procedures can be seen in [Table 13.](#page-41-0) This explains the minor shift of the 55 dB(A) contour to the south. No clear reason could be found for the minor shift of the 55 dB(A)

contour to the north. This is probably caused by the combination of several minor effects, including an increase of departures from runway 19 that veer to the right and whose curve is concentrated in this zone, and minor changes of the aircraft used.

The eastward bulge in the 55 dB(A) contour and the overall increase of the surface area of all contours is the starkest change to the south of Brussels Airport. This is directly the consequence of the aforementioned increase in the use of runway 19 (9,180 departures in 2015 compared to 1,990 in 2014). The contours at this location are however still defined to a great extent by the landings on runway 01 (9,899 in 2015).

The impact zone to the north of Brussels Airport is limited. The small bulge in the contours is slightly wider than in 2014 but doesn't extend so far. This is easily explained by the reduction of arrivals on runway 19 (from 2,906 in 2014 to 1,497 in 2015) and the rise of the number of departures from runway 01 (from 525 to 2,177).

Figure 6: Lday noise contours around Brussels Airport in 2014 (dotted blue) and 2015 (solid red).

The total surface area inside the L_{day} contour of 55 dB(A) rose in 2015 by about 6.5% compared to 2014 (from 4,821 to 5,135 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the L_{day} contour of 55 dB(A) rose by 3.3% (from 33,920 to 35,056).

4.3.2 Levening contours

The L_{evening} contours represent the A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level for the period 19:00 to 23:00 and are reported from 50 dB(A) to 75 dB(A) in steps of 5 dB(A). The evolution of the contours for 2014 and 2015 is shown in [Figure 7.](#page-30-0) An additional contour is reported and this creates a visually enlarged effect. The 50 dB(A) contour has become equally significant for the calculation of the L_{den} as the L_{day} contour of 55dB(A) due to the 5 dB(A) correction.

The evaluation period for the L_{evening} contours falls entirely within the operational daytime period (06:00 to 23:00) as specified at Brussels Airport. There are slightly fewer flights per hour during the evening than during the daytime period (-2.9%). During the evening period, the airport had an average of 17.6 departures per hour, slightly more than the 17.1 in 2014. There were 17.9 arrivals per hour in 2015, 5.9% more than the 16.9 in 2014.

Runway usage is similar to the daytime period. The drop in departures from runway 25R and the rise of departures from runway 19 is similar to the daytime period. More arrivals on runway 25R (from 6,462 in 2014 to 9,816 in 2015) were due to the temporary closure of runway 25L, as it was the case for the daytime period. The number of arrivals on runway 25L dropped from 13,882 to 11,540.

The location of the contours up to 55 dB(A) and the change of these contours compared to 2014 is consequently quite similar to the day contours.

In particular, we see the expansion of the landing contour for runway 25R to the north-east of Brussels Airport. The smaller landing contour for runway 25L is less pronounced during the day.

The widening of the contours to 55 dB(A) to the west of Brussels Airport is due to the same effects that occur during the day. The northern lobe where departing flights from runway 25R veer to the right is located slightly more to the north than in 2014, while this is not the case during the day. This is the result of the more frequent use of standard departure procedures that make a slightly longer curve (DENUT5C) and the less frequent use of standard departure procedures that make a shorter curve (HELEN5C).

To the south of Brussels Airport, the bulge of the 55 dB(A) contour to the east is apparent, just like during the day. This is also caused by a rise of the number of departing flights from runway 19.

The pronounced expansion of the 50 dB(A) contour in the south-west direction can also be observed, and this means the bulge which was clearly visible in 2014 has now disappeared completely. This is also due mainly to the increased use of runway 19 for take-offs, and in particular to aircraft that veer right after take-off. The radar tracks show that different aircraft make this curve differently which means the 55 dB(A) contour has grown less than the 50 dB(A) contour. On the other hand, flights leaving from runway 25R that veer left in accordance with the new standard procedures from 2 April 2015, make the curve sharper (PITES6C, ROUSY6C, SOPOK7C). This also contributes to the increased expansion of the 50 dB(A) contour to the south-west of the airport. This benefits the contraction of the contour above the Brussels Capital Region.

Figure 7: Levening noise contours around Brussels Airport in 2014 (dotted blue) and 2015 (solid red).

The total surface area inside the L_{evening} contour of 50 dB(A) rose in 2015 by about 7.0% compared to 2014 (from 12,283 to 13,147 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the Levening contour of 50 dB(A) dropped by 9.3% (from 223,324 to 202,444). The flight paths have been moved to less densely populated areas. The evening flight paths changed in the beginning of April 2015 so the flights were distributed. The effects of the changes to the flight routes on the contours will become stronger in the future if the policy remains unchanged.

4.3.3 Lnight contours

The L_{night} contours represent the A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level for the period 23:00 to 07:00 and are reported from 45 dB(A) to 70 dB(A) in steps of 5 dB(A). The evolution of the contours for 2014 and 2015 is shown in [Figure 8.](#page-32-1) An additional contour is reported and this creates a visually enlarged effect. As a result of the 10 dB(A) correction, the 45 dB(A) night contour is larger than the 55 dB(A) contour for daytime and is now equally significant for the calculation of L_{den} as the L_{day} contour of 55 dB(A) and the L_{evening} contour of 50 dB(A).

The evaluation period for the L_{night} contours does not coincide with the operational night period (23:00 to 06:00) and also comprises the flights of the operational daytime period between 06:00 and 07:00. The noise contours are a combination of the runway and route usage during the operational night and during the operational day. The number of flights per hour during the night is about 25% of the number of flights during the day. During the night period, an average of 4.7 departures were recorded per hour, only 0.3% more than in 2014. There were 4.6 arrivals per hour in 2015, 2.1% more than the 4.5 per hour in 2014.

The noise contours to the north-east of Brussels Airport reflect the changes resulting from the use of arrivals on 25L and 25R which can also be seen during the day.

The surface area of all contours to the south of Brussels Airport has increased as a result of the more frequent use of runway 19 for take-off, just like during the day. The rise between 2014 and 2015 is however not so pronounced as during the day and evening because runway 19 was already used more in 2014 during the night (2,015 departures in 2014 compared to 2,847 departures in 2015). Especially the eastern bulge in the contours was already visible in 2014.

The most noticeable change is the shift of the contours for L_{night} to the west of Brussels Airport. Both the 45 dB(A) and the 50 dB(A) contours have contracted significantly above the densely populated Brussels Capital Region. These contours are expanding mainly towards the west, above the northern edge of Brussels. The number of departures from runway 25R dropped from 10,504 in 2014 to 9,398 in 2015, and the portion of these flights that make a curve to the right has risen while the number of flights that continue to fly straight ahead dropped sharply (35.7% of all departures make a curve to the right compared to 30.4% in 2014, and 14.7% of all departures continue straight ahead compared to 19.7% in 2014). Many of these flights follow the standard departure route that veers around the northern edge of the Brussels Capital Region (SID CIV3C and to a lesser extent SOPOK5Z). This explains the expansion of the contours to the north of the Brussels Capital Region. The left curve is taken sharper with the new standard procedures (SID PITES6C, ROUSY6C, SOPOK7C) and this means the lobe of the 45 dB(A) contour which used to be located above the Brussels Capital Region has now shifted slightly to the west.

Figure 8: Lnight noise contours around Brussels Airport in 2014 (dotted blue) and 2015 (solid red).

The busy hour from 06:00 and 07:00 contributes the most to the L_{night} contours. In 2015, this was 63.8% of departures, slightly less than the 65.9% in 2014. The night contours are therefore quite similar to the day contours.

The total surface area inside the L_{night} contour of 45 dB(A) rose in 2015 by 6.6% compared to 2014 (from 12,583 to 13,413 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the L_{night} contour of 45 dB(A) dropped sharply by 17.7% (from 196,362 to 161,524). The effect of the modified runway usage and the moving of flight routes is even greater at night than during the evening period.

4.3.4 Lden contours

The L_{den} quantity is a composition of L_{day}, L_{evening} and L_{night} and this means an A-weighted equivalent level is obtained for the full 24 hours period. The evening movements are penalised with 5 dB(A), the night movements with 10 dB(A). L_{den} is the weighted energetic sum of these three periods with a weighting according to the number of hours for each period (12 hours for the day, 4 hours for the evening, and 8 hours for the night). In [Figure 9](#page-33-1) you can see the evolution of the L_{den} contours for 2014 and 2015. The L_{den} contours are reported from 55 dB(A) to 75 dB(A) in steps of 5 dB(A).

Figure 9: Lden noise contours around Brussels Airport in 2014 (dotted blue) and 2015 (solid red).

The changed form is a weighted combination of all effects which clarified in detail in the discussion of L_{day}, L_{evening} and L_{night} contours.

The total surface area inside the L_{den} noise contour of 55 dB(A) rose in 2015 by about 5.5% compared to 2014 (from 8,756 to 9,236 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the L_{den} contour of the 55 dB(A) noise contour dropped sharply by 10.0% (from 106,725 to 96,075).

4.3.5 Freq.70,day contours (day 07:00 - 23:00)

The Freq.70,day contours are calculated for an evaluation period that consists of the evaluation periods of L_{day} and L_{evening} together. The evolution of the Freq.70,day contours reflects the changes in the runway usage and the changes to the routes.

The modified form is a combination of two effects. The main reason is the temporary closure of runway 25L and the shift of the departures to runway 19 as a direct consequence. There are clearly more departures from runway 19 and the sharp left curve from runway 19 is used more. In addition, the departure routes of runways 25R and 25L were modified on 2 April 2015 and the noise contours no longer extend so far in the Brussels Capital Region. The short left curve for flights using runway 25R is visible in the frequency contour. The shift from runway 25L to 25R is visible for landings in the contours but the differences are less pronounced in the evaluation of the events than in the noise contours.

The total surface area inside the contour of 5x above 70 dB(A) rose in 2015 by about 19.1% compared to 2014 (from 15,372 to 18,314 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the Freq.70,day contour of 5 events dropped sharply by 23.1% (from 434,746 to 334,264).

4.3.6 Freq.70,night contours (night 23:00-07:00)

The Freq.70,night contours are calculated for the same evaluation period as the L_{nieht} . The evolution of the Freq.70,night contours reflects the changes in the runway usage and the changes to the routes.

The modified form is a combination of two effects. The first reason is the temporary closure of runway 25L and the shift of the departures to runway 19 as a direct consequence. More departures were recorded from runway 19 but the change is less pronounced in comparison with the day and evening periods. The impact on the frequency contour is smaller. In addition, the departure routes of runways 25R and 25L were modified on 2 April 2015 and the frequency contours no longer extend so far in the Brussels Capital Region. The short left curve for flights using runway 25R during the night period is clearly visible in the frequency contour. The shift from runway 25L to 25R is visible for landings in the contours but the differences are less pronounced than in the L_{night} noise contours.

The total surface area inside the 1x above the 70 dB(A) contour during the night rose in 2015 by only 0.5% compared to 2014 (from 13,813 to 13,885 ha). The number of inhabitants inside this contour dropped sharply by 24.5% (from 279,251 to 210,939).

Figure 11: Freq.70,night frequency contours around Brussels Airport for 2014 and 2015.

4.3.7 Freq.60,day contours (day 07:00-23:00)

The Freq.60,day contours are calculated for an evaluation period that consists of the evaluation periods of L_{day} and L_{evening} together. The evolution of the Freq.60,day contours reflects the changes in the runway usage and the changes to the routes. The shorter left curve from runway 25R crosses the take-off paths of runway 19 and locally increases the number of noise events above 60 dB(A). The difference between the noise contours of 2014 and 2015 is mainly the result of this change in routes during the day.

The total surface area inside the Freq.60,day contour of 50x above 60 dB(A) rose in 2015 by about 5.5% compared to 2014 (from 15,352 to 16,203 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the Freq.60,day contour of 50 times above the 60 dB(A) dropped by 24.5% (from 323,042 to 243,774).

Figure 12: Freq.60,day frequency contours around Brussels Airport for 2014 and 2015.

4.3.8 Freq.60,night contours (night 23:00-07:00)

The Freq.60,night contours are calculated for the same evaluation period as the L_{night} . The evolution of the Freq.60,night contours reflects the changes in the runway usage and the changes to the routes. The specific use of the adjusted SIDs during the night are clearer in these contours than in the Freq.60,day contours. The contour has grown as a result of the increased use of runway 19. A small additional zone with 10x above 60 dB(A) is visible as a result of the concentration of flights from runway 25R that use the short left curve.

The total surface area inside the Freq.60,night frequency contour with 10x above 60 dB(A) rose in 2015 by about 10.1% compared to 2014 (from 10,864 to 11,964 ha). The number of inhabitants inside the Freq.60,night contour of 10x above 60 dB(A) dropped by 4.8% (from 138,420 to 131,736). The rise in the number of departures from runway 19 reached the threshold of 10 events and increases the surface area of the contour significantly. The reverse effect is visible for the landing contour of runway 25L where the number of events drops below the threshold of 15 events. Despite the strong expansion of the surface area, the exposed population is lower than in 2014.

Figure 13: Freq.60,night frequency contours around Brussels Airport for 2014 and 2015.

4.4 Potentially highly annoyed

The number of people who are potentially highly annoyed is determined on the basis of the calculated L_{den} and the exposure effect relationship for serious annoyance stipulated in VLAREM is (see 2.2). The number of highly annoyed is also reported by municipality.

For 2015, the total number of people who are potentially highly annoyed living inside the 55 dB(A) contour amounted to 13,965. This is 5.8% lower than in 2014.

This decrease is in contrast with the increase of the number of movements between 2014 and 2015 by 3.4% (Section [4.1.1\)](#page-16-0). This is mainly the result of the shift of standard flight routes away from the densely populated Brussels Capital Region and the larger portion of departures from runway 19 with a left curve in the south-easterly direction which are also above less populated zones. The location nor the total surface area of the $L_{den} > 55dB(A)$ contour no longer increases proportionally with the number of flights. This is probably the result of a combination of the trend to deploy quieter aircraft and more refined departure and arrival procedures.

An overview is given by merged municipality in [Table 8.](#page-38-0)

Figure 14: Evolution of the number of people who are potentially highly annoyed inside the Lden 55 dB(A) noise contour.

5 Appendices

5.1 Runway and route usage

Table 9: Overview of the number of departures and arrivals annually per runway including changes vs. the previous year (all flights, day, evening and night). The figures between brackets are the data for 2014.

hts (day, evening, night)					All flights (day, evening, night) Landings				
Departures									
	Number		Percentage			Number		Percentage	
	2015	2014	2015		Runway	2014	2015	2014	
34	3.430	0.6%	2.9%		01	14.525	15.113	12.5%	
92	2,439	0.9%	2.0%		07L	1,380	2,814	1.2%	
26	11.724	12.5%	9.8%		07R	147	220	0.1%	
13	14.447	4.2%	12.1%		19	4,672	2,897	4.0%	
58	103	0.1%	0.1%		25L	63,814	50.454	55.1%	
47	87.529	81.6%	73.1%		25R	31.225	48,201	27.0%	

Table 10: Overview of the number of departures and arrivals annually per runway including changes vs. the previous year: day. The figures between brackets are the data for 2014.

Table 11: Overview of the number of departures and arrivals annually per runway including changes vs. the previous year: evening. The figures between brackets are the data for 2014.

Table 12: Overview of the number of departures and arrivals annually per runway including changes vs. the previous year: night. The figures between brackets are the data for 2014.

Table 13: Details of the number of flights per SID for runway 25R per period of the day and per month.

This illustrates the changes of the SIDs throughout the year.

Departures by SID from runway 25R by month, day, evening and night

5.2 Location of the measuring stations

5.3 Technical information – inputting routes in INM

The radar tracks are divided into bundles of similar departure routes (SIDs). The grouping of the SIDs is documented per runway in the tables below. A distinction is made for the different aircraft types (7 categories) for the frequently-used grouped SIDS. Statistical tracks are calculated for each of these bundles (in addition to the functionality of INM).

The methodology has changed for the 2015 calculations for introducing radar tracks and the distribution of radar tracks. The new methodology (statistical radar tracks) calculates the distribution of bundles by means of an external GIS calculation outside INM. This method automates the built-in manual method available in INM and takes into account any asymmetry of the bundles. The number of bundles can be increased through the automation and this means that minor changes to the shift of arrival and departure routes can be included in the calculations. The method has been tested by comparing three scenarios: the actual radar tracks, the statistical radar tracks and the INM method. The actual radar tracks with individual information about the aircraft and the statistical tracks with the statistical distribution of the aircraft types are very similar (significantly less than 1 dB(A)) for all contours above 55 dB(A). Slightly greater discrepancies occur under 50 dB(A) but they are still less than 1 dB(A).

Table 15: overview of the grouping of SIDs.

25PDNC DENUT5C
25PHLC HELEN5C

25R (part1)

5.4 Results of contour calculations – 2015

5.4.1 Surface area per contour zone and per municipality

Table 16: Surface area per Lday contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 17: Surface area per Levening contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 18: Surface area per Lnight contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 19: Surface area per Lden contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 21: Surface area per Freq.70,night contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 23: Surface area per Freq.60,night contour zone and municipality – 2015.

5.4.2 Number of inhabitants per contour zone and per municipality

Table 25: Number of inhabitants per Levening contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 26: Number of inhabitants per Lnight contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 27: Number of inhabitants per Lden contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 28: Number of inhabitants per Freq.70,day contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 29: Number of inhabitants per Freq.70,night contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 30: Number of inhabitants per Freq.60,day contour zone and municipality – 2015.

Table 31: Number of inhabitants per Freq.60,night contour zone and municipality – 2015.

5.5 Noise contour maps: evolution for 2014-2015

This appendix includes noise maps in A4 format.

- \bullet L_{day} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- \bullet L_{evening} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- \bullet L_{night} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- \bullet L_{den} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- Freq.70,day noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- Freq.70,night noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- Freq.60,day noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- Freq.60,night noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background population map 2011
- L_{day} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background NGI topographical map
- L_{evening} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background NGI topographical map
- \bullet L_{night} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background NGI topographical map
- \bullet L_{den} noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background NGI topographical map
- Freq.70,day noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background NGI topographical map
- Freq.70,night noise contours for 2014 and 2015, background NGI topographical map
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5.6 Evolution of the surface area and the number of inhabitants

5.6.1 Evolution of the surface area per contour zone: Lday, Levening, Lnight, Freq.70,day, Freq.70,night, Freq.60,day and Freq.60,day.

Table 32: Evolution of the surface area inside the L_{day} contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 16: Evolution of the surface area inside the L_{day} contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 17: Evolution of the surface area inside the Levening contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 34: : Evolution of the surface area inside the Lnight contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Figure 18: Evolution of the surface area inside the L_{night} contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 35: : Evolution of the surface area inside the Lden contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 19: Evolution of the surface area inside the L_{den} contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 36: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.70,day contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 20: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.70,day contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 37: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.70,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 21: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.70,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 38: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.60,day contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Table 39: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.60,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 23: Evolution of the surface area inside the Freq.60,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

5.6.2 Evolution of the number of inhabitants per contour zone: Lday, Levening, Lnight, Freq.70,day, Freq.70,night, Freq.60,day and Freq.60,night.

Table 40: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Lday contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 24: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the L_{day} contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 41: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Levening contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 25: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Levening contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 42: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Lnight contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Table 43: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Lden contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Table 44: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Freq.70,day contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Calculated with INM 7.0b

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 29: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Freq.70,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 46: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Freq.60,day contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 30: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Freq.60,day contours (2000, 2006-2015).

Table 47: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Freq.60,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

* Calculated with INM 7.0b

Figure 31: Evolution of the number of inhabitants inside the Freq.60,night contours (2000, 2006-2015).

5.7 Documentation provided files

Radar data for the year 2015 (source: BAC-ANOMS)

Flight data for the year 2015 (source: BAC-CDB)

Weather data for the year 2015 (source: BAC-ANOMS)

Noise events for the year 2015 (source: BAC-ANOMS)

1 h reports noise measuring network for the year 2015 (source: BAC-ANOMS / LNE)

24 h reports noise measuring network for the year 2015 (source: BAC-ANOMS)

