

14-04-2011 Press release

Aviation up by 6% in first quarter

The first quarter of 2011 has been a period of growth for aviation. The number of operations in Swedish airspace rose by over 6% compared to the first quarter of 2010. International traffic increased by over 9%.

"The year started on a high note and we expect continued growth in traffic despite a few concerns on the horizon. Several countries within the EU are grappling with economic challenges and aviation itself is sensitive to economic fluctuations. Additionally there is a concern regarding fuel price trends and what the situations in North Africa and the Middle East can bring," says Lars Ahlm, business analyst at Luftfartsverket (LFV).

During the first quarter of the year, international traffic increased by over 9% whilst domestic traffic increased by 3% and en route by 6%.

"LFV's annual forecast of a traffic increase of around 3% is still expected. It would mean a traffic volume of about 675 000 operations in Swedish airspace during 2011," says Lars Ahlm.

For further information, please contact Lars Ahlm, on +46 (0)708-39 22 07.

LFV
Group Communication and Market