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Dear readers

After the second vote on the Covid law brought the resolution we wanted – and the certificate continues to serve for travel facilitation – the news from South Africa concerning the new virus variant have had a massive negative impact on global air traffic. At least, the Federal Council has transformed the quarantine obligation – due also to an intervention by AEROSUISSE – into a PCR test obligation. It is clear to us that aviation will only recover thanks to a risk-based approach, tests, and internationally accepted certificates. General travel restrictions, daily changing entry requirements and quarantine regulations are the wrong approach! We wish you and your families – despite all restrictions – a merry festive season and all the best for 2022.

Thomas Hurter, National Councillor, president of AEROSUISSE



Tests instead of quarantine

AEROSUISSE approves the [Federal Council's decision](#) to lift the quarantine obligation for all countries and supports all measures to make travel safe during the pandemic. Increased testing makes an important contribution. Nevertheless, AEROSUISSE advocates that vaccinated and/or recovered travellers from the Schengen states and the United Kingdom should profit from facilitated entry conditions. Furthermore, an implementation period of at least 48 hours should be respected when introducing new travel restrictions – otherwise passengers and personnel will be overtaxed.

New CO2 Law

The new CO2 Law is supposed to form the legal basis for an admixture ratio of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). How high the ratio is, is delegated to the Federal Council by the law. This landmark decision was achieved by AEROSUISSE due to an exchange with the FOEN and the FOCA. Furthermore, the «Swiss Finish» for biogenic fuels will be eliminated and an according harmonisation achieved with the EU. It is important, that article 103b of the Law on Aviation is modified with the new CO2 Law to promote the production of SAF. AEROSUISSE sees it as crucial that the federation stands united regarding the new CO2 Law so that research and new technologies in aviation may be promoted by article 103b of the Law on Aviation.

Flashback to the 2021 GA

The general assembly of AEROSUISSE, held on 1st October at Pilatus Flugzeugwerke AG in Stans, was well attended. As Markus Bucher, CEO of Pilatus Flugzeugwerke AG, mentioned in his welcoming address Pilatus aircraft are currently much in demand. The Landesstatthalterin of Nidwalden, Karin Kayser-Frutschi, underlined the importance of the aerospace industry as a driver of innovation. After the statutory business, the members went on an informative tour of the production facility.

Resigned from the board: Bruno Giger (Swiss ASD), Peter Guggenbach (RUAG Space), Markus Kälin (Pilatus), Thomas Koller (Aviationsuisse), Claudio Lasagni (SVFB), Bernhard Müller (Air Force), Willy Ruf (Swissport) and Jean-Pierre Tappy (Swiss). New members of the AEROSUISSE board: Balz Albertin (director SVFB), Thomas Frick (Swiss), Urs Loher (Thales Suisse SA), Peter Merz (Air Force), Chris Rambousek (Pilatus), Andreas Schürer (Aviationsuisse) and Bruno Stefani (Swissport).



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