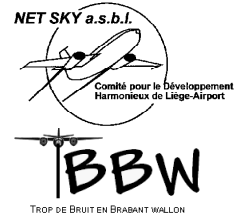




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**Concerns** : security of old freighter aircraft, especially aircraft of “Kalitta Air”

Dear Sir,

We are local residents living in the neighbourhood of Belgium airports. We are very concerned about the lack of safety of certain old freighter airplanes which operate on the airports of Ostend, Brussels and Liege in general and “Kalitta Air” in particular.

The cargo airline “Kalitta Air” recently had two major crashes within a period of 5 weeks, both with B747-200 planes, one in Brussels and the other in Bogotá (Columbia). This being pure coincidence is very dubious. The company was involved in quite a number of safety incidents in the past.

It is even more worrisome as to note that the sector of freighter air transport is being hit by very high fuel prices and as a consequence trying to cut cost by all means. Companies appear to keep aircraft and engines in service up to or past legal limits. This worrying trend of lowering aircraft maintenance standards across Europe as a result of commercial pressure has been highlighted during a conference of aircraft maintenance experts in September last year <sup>1</sup>.

Therefore we ask that for the time being “Kalitta Air” be put on the “List of airlines banned within the EU”, until it is proven Kalitta to be fully compliant with all regulations concerning maintenance and personnel management.

We also wish to draw your attention on regular operations, on at least one of the above mentioned airports, of companies registered in countries where control and maintenance are insufficient or of companies which are in financial difficulties and so inclined to neglect international safety regulations <sup>2</sup>.

May we ask for a quick response?

Yours sincerely ,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.easier.com/view/Travel/Flights/News/article-139295.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Oostende: “MK Airlines Ltd”, “Air Charter Express Ltd”, “Pronair Airlines”, “Gemini Air Cargo”