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Best regards

National Councillor Thomas Hurter, president of AEROSUISSE

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New VFAL proposal (regulation for granting financial aid for training in the field of aviation) under review by the DETEC (Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications)

[VFAL](#)

In spring 2017, the FOCA announced the review of the existing regulation for granting financial aid for training in the field of aviation (VFAL) on the initiative of AEROSUISSE's commission for education, research and innovation (K-BFI). As proposed by AEROSUISSE, a stakeholder approach was conducted and all relevant flight schools, airlines and federation representatives were invited to contribute to the process. K-BFI contributed significantly to finding solutions by comprehensively taking all stakeholders' (candidates, airlines, flight schools, politics and FOCA) interests into account and seeking a common consensus. AEROSUISSE is pleased that the new VFAL proposal – currently under review by the DETEC – brings improvements for all concerned. AEROSUISSE would like to thank all participants, as well as the FOCA, for the open, exemplary and fair process. Should the new VFAL proposal be approved, the introduction is expected for 1 January 2019.

AEROSUISSE opposes the SAIP (Sectoral Aviation Infrastructure Plan) conceptual part of the sectoral plan for transport

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In the stakeholder involvement process on the sectoral plan for transport, AEROSUISSE opposes the part on aviation infrastructure (SAIP). The SAIP conceptual part does not address the issue of capacity constraints, thus ignoring the guidelines of the aviation policy report. According to AEROSUISSE, the SAIP conceptual part must provide the necessary basis for a demand-oriented development of aviation infrastructure. Furthermore,

the planning horizon of 2030 has been set to low and should be coordinated with the schedule for road and railway transport.

No EU ETS for Swiss airlines, a global CORSIA is sufficient

CORSIA

On 20 February, AEROSUISSE was granted a hearing by the National Council Committee for Environment, Spatial Planning, Energy and Transport on the inclusion of aviation into the European Emission Trading System (EU ETS). AEROSUISSE president and National Councillor Thomas Hurter emphasised that airlines have every interest in flying as efficiently as possible in order to save money and CO2 emissions. At 31 percent, fuel is a major cost factor for an airline. The incentive to procure fuel-efficient aircraft is therefore very high. The ICAO's global climate protection instrument "Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation" (CORSIA) must be applied to aviation, said Thomas Hurter. At the same time, he warned against imposing EU ETS, in addition to CORSIA, on aviation. EU ETS represents a regional agreement that doubtlessly distorts competition in a global industry such as aviation. In addition, two different systems would double the costs for airlines. Finally, this would also have a negative impact on the climate, because airlines would be deprived of financial resources that could be used to invest in new aircraft. In the forthcoming deliberations of the Parliament on the CO2 laws, AEROSUISSE will work to ensure that aviation will reduce CO2 emissions under the global CORSIA agreement and without EU ETS being imposed.

Jubilee General Assembly on 18 May 2018 at the Swiss Museum of Transport



On Friday, 18 May 2018, this year's AEROSUISSE general assembly will be held at the Swiss Museum of Transport in Lucerne. The aerospace umbrella organization was founded, exactly 50 years to the day, on 18 May 1968. Guests will be invited to the anniversary event. In conjunction, the special exhibition "*Switzerland in the air*" will take place at the Swiss Museum of Transport.

Three new members

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