

TERMINAL CHARGES IN BULGARIA (Ref. LB 2023/01)

Effective from 1 JANUARY 2023

1. The EUROCONTROL Organisation is entrusted with the billing and collection of terminal charges on behalf of Bulgaria. The annexed document presents the Rules governing the terminal charges in Bulgaria.
2. The terminal charge is levied for each flight departing from from Sofia (LBSF), Varna (LBWN), Burgas (LBBG), Plovdiv (LBPD), Gorna Oryahovitsa (LBGO). The unit rates of charge applicable from 1 January 2023 are :

Unit Rate	Sofia (LBSF)	Varna (LBWN), Burgas (LBBG), Plovdiv (LBPD) and Gorna Oryahovitsa (LBGO)
for international flights	BGN 264.16	BGN 415.57
for domestic flights	BGN 264.16	BGN 41.56

These rates are promulgated in the State Gazette of the Republic Bulgaria.

The rate of interest on late payment of terminal charges applicable from 1 January 2023 is **9.97% per annum**.

3. In accordance with Bulgarian VAT legislation, terminal charges are subject to VAT at a rate of **20%**, unless generated by a user meeting the following criteria:
 - a) the user is an airline **and**
 - b) operates on a revenue basis **and**
 - c) is predominantly engaged in international air transport.
4. **Payment should preferably be made in Bulgarian Lev (BGN) but can be made in EUR at the fixed exchange rate of 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.** Details of the Bank Accounts to which users should make their payments are shown on the EUROCONTROL Bills and Statements of Accounts. Users should not pay into any other bank account other than those shown on EUROCONTROL documents.

The CRCO draws the attention of users to fraudulent attempts whereby individuals pretend to work for EUROCONTROL to try to make you pay into their bank accounts.

EUROCONTROL does not plan to open new bank accounts in the foreseeable future - mistrust any communication mentioning that our bank accounts have changed. In all circumstances payments for charges must be made to the bank account mentioned on EUROCONTROL documents.

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Comprehensive Agreement States: Israel, Morocco.

5. CEFA, the CRCO airspace users portal, allows airspace users to submit claims and follow up their status, to update fleet information, to check the latest financial situation and to view and download electronic documents related to the billing and collection of air navigation and communication charges.

<https://www.eurocontrol.int/tool/cefa>

6. Comprehensive and up-to-date information on charges billed and collected by EUROCONTROL is available on the website at:

<https://www.eurocontrol.int/crco>

7. Contacts:

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**ANNEX
RULES GOVERNING TERMINAL CHARGES
IN BULGARIA**

ARTICLE 1

A charge shall be levied for each flight departing from Sofia (LBSF), Varna (LBWN), Burgas (LBBG), Plovdiv (LBPD), Gorna Oryahovitsa (LBGO).

The charge shall constitute remuneration for the costs incurred by BULATSA in respect of terminal air navigation services.

ARTICLE 2

EUROCONTROL shall collect charges levied on users of terminal air navigation services, in accordance with the laws and regulations of Bulgaria.

These charges shall constitute a claim by BULATSA.

The person liable to pay the charge shall be the person who was the operator of the aircraft at the time when the flight was performed. Where an ICAO designator is used in the flight identification, the identity of the operator of the flight shall be deemed to be that of the aircraft operating agency to whom the ICAO designator was allocated at the time of the flight. If the identity of the operator is not known, the owner of the aircraft shall be regarded as the operator unless he proves which other person was the operator.

ARTICLE 3

The terminal charge **R** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$R = t \times N$$

where **t** is the unit rate of charge and **N** the number of service units corresponding to terminal services used or made available.

The unit rate of charge (**t**) shall be established in **Bulgarian Lev (BGN)** with a maximum of two decimal points.

The unit rate of charge **t** shall be published in Bulgaria.

ARTICLE 4

For a given departing flight, the number of service units in respect of terminal charges, designated **N**, expressed as a figure taken to two decimal places, shall be the quotient obtained by dividing by fifty the Maximum Take-off Weight (MTOW), to the power of 0.70. The Maximum Take-off Weight shall be expressed in metric tons as a figure taken to one decimal place and shall be the one used for calculating the EUROCONTROL route charge for the flight concerned.

ARTICLE 5

Flights exempted from payment of Terminal Charges shall be established and published in accordance with the laws and regulations of Bulgaria.

ARTICLE 6

The charge shall be payable at EUROCONTROL's Headquarters, in accordance with the conditions of payment set out in the Appendix. The currency of account used shall be the **Bulgarian Lev (BGN)**.

ARTICLE 7

These Rules and the unit rate of charge shall be published in Bulgaria.

APPENDIX**CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT****CLAUSE 1**

The amounts billed shall be payable in euro (EUR) into the EUROCONTROL Central Route Charges Office's bank account shown on the bill.

The amount of the charge is due on the date of performance of the flight. The latest value date by which payment must be received by EUROCONTROL shall be shown on the bill.

The time granted to users for payment of the terminal charge, i.e. the interval between the bill date and the date for payment shown on the bill, shall be identical to the time granted to users for payment of the EUROCONTROL route charges.

CLAUSE 2

Payment shall be deemed to have been received by EUROCONTROL on the value date on which the amount due was credited into the banking establishment designated by EUROCONTROL, referred to in Clause 1 paragraph 1. The value date shall be the date on which EUROCONTROL can use the funds.

CLAUSE 3

Payments shall be accompanied by a statement giving the references, dates and amounts in respect of bills paid and of any credit notes deducted.

CLAUSE 4

Claims against bills must be submitted to EUROCONTROL in writing or by an electronic medium previously approved by EUROCONTROL. The latest date by which claims must be received by EUROCONTROL shall be shown on the bill and shall be the same as for the EUROCONTROL Route Charges System.

The date of submission of claims shall be the date on which the claims are received by EUROCONTROL.

Claims must be detailed and should be accompanied by any relevant supporting evidence.

Submission of a claim by a user shall not entitle him to make any deduction from the relevant bill unless so authorised by EUROCONTROL.

Where EUROCONTROL and a user are mutually debtor and creditor no compensation payments shall be effected without EUROCONTROL's prior agreement.

CLAUSE 5

Any charge which has not been paid by the latest date for payment shall be increased by the addition thereto of interest. The interest, entitled Interest on Late Payment, shall be simple interest calculated from day to day on the unpaid overdue amount.

The interest will be calculated and billed in **Bulgarian Lev (BGN)**. The interest rate shall be published in Bulgaria.

CLAUSE 6

Where a debtor has not paid the amount due, measures may be taken to enforce recovery.