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Finnair Flies Its First Biofuel Flight From Amsterdam to Helsinki

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Today, July 20, Finnair scheduled the take-off of its first biofuel flight, AY846, from Amsterdam to Helsinki. The flight was to be operated with an Airbus A319 aircraft, departing from Amsterdam at 6:50 p.m. local time and arriving in Helsinki at 10:10 p.m.

In the next few weeks, Finnair will fly a series of four flights using biofuel in both engines of its aircraft. The airline's measure follows a recent measure by Lufthansa. Also in July, Lufthansa unveiled a six-month biofuel trial on its regular scheduled flights flying between Hamburg and Frankfurt, Germany.



According to a press announcement, Finnair emphasized the importance of finding a fuel solution that is ecologically, financially, and socially sustainable.

"Biofuel use is still not financially sustainable because biofuel is more expensive than ordinary aviation fuel and no large-scale production or distribution has yet been established," said Kati Ihamäki, Finnair's vice president, sustainable development.

For its first biofuel flights, Finnair is using SkyNRG biofuel manufactured from recycled biomass in both engines of its aircraft. The fuel mixture used is half biofuel and half ordinary aviation fuel and is certified in the same class as ordinary aviation fuel.

The biofuel supplied by SkyNRG, a Dutch company, is made from cooking oil recycled from restaurants.

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