

# Airport decree for Lelystad Airport supports the growth of Schiphol

**Lelystad Airport has been given the go-ahead to develop into an airport with a maximum of 45,000 air transport movements per year. This decision by State Secretary Mansveld was published in the Dutch Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees today. This will allow more scope for transfer traffic at Schiphol, which is very important for the Mainport.**

'The airport decree for Lelystad Airport marks an important step in the growth of Mainport Schiphol. This development will allow Schiphol to remain a competitive international Mainport in a competitive region', says Jos Nijhuis, CEO of Schiphol Group. By offering financial incentives and appropriate facilities coupled with low airport charges, Nijhuis anticipates that Lelystad Airport will provide an attractive alternative for the airlines' holiday flights.

## **Opening in 2018 required**

The economic development of Mainport Schiphol is of vital importance to the Netherlands. Lelystad Airport must become operational in 2018 in order to accommodate the selective growth of Schiphol. Schiphol will be able to bolster its function as a Mainport for the Netherlands by specialising in hub and Mainport-related air traffic. The regional airports offer an alternative for traffic which need not necessarily pass through the Mainport. This will enable Schiphol to be and, more importantly, remain a competitive major airport.