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### **BAA ANNOUNCES APRIL TRAFFIC FIGURES**

BAA's seven UK airports handled a total of 9.9 million passengers in April, an increase of 1.6% on the same month last year.

Taking March and April results together to eliminate the distorting effects of Easter falling late this year, traffic fell by 0.8% compared with last year.

Among the key markets in April, Easter boosted European charter traffic, up 17.9%, domestic traffic added 8.6%, Irish traffic added 3.4% and European scheduled traffic added 1%. North Atlantic traffic was down by 5.4 % and other long haul fell by 7.5%. This was largely due to the effects of the Gulf war and Sars.

Gatwick benefited from the late Easter, adding 7.9% overall. Stansted added 4.4% and Heathrow experienced a decline of 3.6%. Southampton's 42% increase was the product of its new range of scheduled low fare routes and both Glasgow, up 9.1%, and Edinburgh, up 10.5%, continued to be buoyed by the growth in low fare services.

The number of air transport movements dipped by 2.6% in April, while cargo tonnage fell 0.3%.

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# **News Release**

## **BAA Traffic Summary : April 2003**

Terminal		%	12 months to	%
Passengers (000s)	Month	Change*	April 03	Change**
Heathrow	4,889.6	-3.6	62,769.2	4.3
Gatwick	2,239.6	7.9	29,806.5	-0.7
Stansted	1,271.5	4.4	16,799.1	18.5
London Area Total	8,400.6	0.4	109,374.8	4.8
Southampton	89.5	42.0	820.9	-1.6
Glasgow	594.9	9.1	7,950.6	8.1
Edinburgh	605.5	10.5	7,130.1	12.5
Aberdeen	206.6	-3.2	2,567.7	0.4
Scottish Total	1,407.1	7.7	17,648.4	8.6
BAA Total	9,897.2	1.6	127,844.1	5.3

Air Transport		%	12 months to	%
Movements	Month	Change*	April 03	Change**
Heathrow	36,719	-4.2	459,544	0.8
Gatwick	17,995	-0.0	237,294	0.2
Stansted	11,975	-3.8	161,461	7.9
London Area Total	66,689	-3.0	858,299	1.9
Southampton	2,624	12.2	28,117	-1.1
Glasgow	6,978	-1.0	88,667	<b>-</b> 2.6
Edinburgh	8,650	-2.3	106,008	3.3
Aberdeen	6,564	-5.3	80,615	-6.6
Scottish Total	22,192	-2.8	275,290	-1.7
BAA Total	91,505	-2.6	1,161,706	0.9

Cargo		%	12 months to	%
(Metric Tonnes)	Month	Change*	April 03	Change**
Heathrow	98,595	-0.2	1,252,869	7.4
Gatwick	17,703	-8.1	238,527	<b>-</b> 7.5
Stansted	15,885	5.0	192,914	14.4
London Area Total	132,183	-0.7	1,684,310	5.7
Southampton	36	20.0	386	10.7
Glasgow	237	-32.5	5,313	1.0
Edinburgh	1,934	62.0	23,781	54.8
Aberdeen	289	-11.1	3,571	-14.4
Scottish Total	2,460	31.6	32,665	31.8
BAA Total	134,679	-0.3	1,717,361	6.1

### Market Comparison: April 2003

Market	BAA Total April 02	BAA Total April 03	
	(000s)	(000s)	% Change
Domestic	1,944	2,110	8.6
Eire	489	506	3.4
European Scheduled	3,821	3,859	1.0
European Charter*	673	793	17.9
North Atlantic	1,395	1,320	-5.4
Other Long Haul	1,415	1,309	-7.5
Total	9,737	9,897	1.6

<sup>\*</sup> includes North African Charter

Note: Origins and destinations are classified according to ultimate origin or destination of aircraft in the case of multi sector flights

Note: Figures for the market sectors have been rounded. Totals as per Traffic Summary