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- In a statement, Latam Colombia reported that the fuel supply for aircraft at the airports of Leticia, Montería and Bucaramanga was exhausted.
- The Jet A1 supply crisis, is being reported to have derived from an electrical failure at the Cartagena Refinery on August 16.
- According to [Ecopetrol](#) projections, the production of Jet A1 in the country would have a deficit, but this would be reduced to 5%.

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Jet fuel has run out at three Colombian airports, in Bogotá the level is critical, warns LATAM. In a statement, Latam Colombia made a press release that the fuel supply for aircraft at the airports of Leticia, Montería and Bucaramanga had run out, materializing the Jet A1 supply crisis, derived from an electrical failure at the Cartagena Refinery on August 16.

However, the carrier established a contingency plan at the beginning of last week (August 16) to manage fuel consumption and thus protect the fulfillment of its schedules.

**Ecopetrol**, the largest and primary petroleum company Colombia, reported this week a change in the delivery of aviation fuel, otherwise called Jet A1, after the supply was affected by an electrical failure at the Cartagena Refinery on August 16.

As per **Ecopetrol**, although work began immediately at the refinery to restart operations after 35 machines were affected, the disruption will cause a shortage of jet fuel and the affected airlines will be those operating in Colombia.

This entity imported 100,000 barrels of JetA1 aviation fuel that will only arrive in the country between August 31 and September 2 of this year.

“As a priority measure to deal with this event, the **Ecopetrol** Group is carrying out an import operation of 100,000 barrels of Jet A1 aviation fuel , which is expected to arrive in the country in the window from August 31 to September 2, 2024,” **Ecopetrol** detailed.

**Ecopetrol** further added that this crisis will lead to an 8% reduction in the delivery of aviation fuel for the month of August , which is why the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said it has been monitoring the situation.

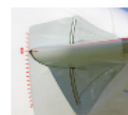
On the other hand, LATAM Colombia reported that it has had to load fuel outside of Colombia for international flights, make adjustments to its operations, monitor flight by flight and evaluate consumption for each airport in the country.



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## Estado de inventarios de combustible en aeropuertos del país preocupa a LATAM Airlines

**Bogotá, agosto 25 de 2024-** A pesar de las nuevas proyecciones de producción de combustible de aviación Jet A1 de Ecopetrol, LATAM Airlines Colombia y las filiales del Grupo LATAM que operan en el país han sido informadas por sus distribuidores que los inventarios de combustible de aviación Jet A1 se agotaron en los aeropuertos de Leticia, Montería y Bucaramanga, mientras Bogotá se está reduciendo a niveles críticos. Lo anterior

materializa la crisis de abastecimiento de Jet A1 derivada de la falla eléctrica de la Refinería de Cartagena el pasado 16 de agosto.

Desde inicios de la semana LATAM Airlines está ejecutando un plan de contingencia para gestionar los consumos de combustible y proteger el cumplimiento de sus itinerarios. Lo anterior incluye entre otras medidas realizar cargue extra de combustible fuera de Colombia para vuelos internacionales de LATAM Airlines, ajustes en procesos operacionales y monitoreo vuelo a vuelo de los consumos para cada aeropuerto en el país.

Así mismo la industria aérea, por medio de la IATA, está trabajando conjuntamente con la Aerocivil, la Superintendencia de Transporte, el Ministerio de Minas y Energía, y Ecopetrol para monitorear la situación y definir acciones complementarias que permitan mitigar la contingencia mientras llega el combustible importado, y de esta forma reducir las posibles afectaciones a nuestros pasajeros.

Vale la pena recordar que el 21 de agosto Ecopetrol informó de una falla eléctrica en la Refinería de Cartagena, el pasado 16 de agosto, que generaría un déficit en las entregas de combustible de aviación en el país del 8%. Ayer Ecopetrol actualizó sus proyecciones de producción de Jet A1 en el país con lo cual el déficit se reduciría a 5%. Como medida para hacer frente a este evento Ecopetrol realizó la importación de 100.000 barriles de combustible de aviación JetA1 que solo arribarán al país entre el 31 de agosto y el 2 de septiembre del presente año.

*“Garantizar el abastecimiento de combustible de aviación del país es una cuestión crítica para la estabilidad de la operación aérea en Colombia. Es fundamental evaluar medidas estructurales como permitir la importación de Jet A, establecer mecanismos claros de asignación de combustible importado, evaluar la viabilidad de aumentar la capacidad de producción de las refinerías entre otras, que a mediano y largo plazo ofrezcan mejores herramientas para enfrentar contingencias como esta donde los mayores afectados serían nuestros pasajeros”, afirmó Santiago Álvarez, director ejecutivo de LATAM Airlines Colombia.*

The statement also noted that,

*“the airline industry, through IATA, is working together with Aerocivil, the Superintendency of Transport, the Ministry of Mines and Energy, and Ecopetrol to monitor the situation and define complementary actions to mitigate the contingency while the imported fuel arrives, and thus reduce the possible impacts on our passengers.”*

According to Santiago Álvarez, CEO of LATAM Airlines Colombia,

*“it is essential to evaluate structural measures such as allowing the importation of Jet A, establishing clear mechanisms for allocating imported fuel, evaluating the feasibility of increasing the production capacity of refineries, among others, which in the medium and long term offer better tools to face contingencies like this one where the most affected would be our passengers.”*



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