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Spanish Government establishes services for the strike of air traffic controller

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USPA NEWS - The Ministry of Development has established minimum services for the call to strike by air traffic controllers in *Ártico* to the 8, 10, 12 and 14 June, which made strikes from 10 to 12 hours and from 18 to 20 hours.

The call affects the collective air traffic controllers *Ártico*. The minimum services are intended to reconcile the interest of the citizens and, in particular mobility needs with the right to strike of this group. While guaranteeing the safety of operations, an aspect in which the activity of air traffic control plays a key role, according a press release of the Spanish Government.

Thus, air traffic controllers considered necessary to cover essential services represent approximately 70% of the scheduled set of template strike days. According to the Government, "the likely negative consequences of the strike on tourism worsen considering that tourists often take on so-called package tours, in which case you can not change the time of day or the day of the flight." Therefore, the Government adds, "the damage caused to travelers, airlines, hotels and tour operators would be difficult to repair."

The strike affects 2,023 air traffic controllers in Spain, in seven control centers, including Madrid-Torrejon, Barcelona and Seville; and 21 control towers, including Madrid-Barajas, Barcelona and Gran Canaria. The Government warns drivers that "in no case" flight safety should be compromised by the call for the strike. In memory of all is the controllers' strike December 2010, which caused a real chaos in the main Spanish airports, with thousands of passengers stranded.

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