

Air Hamburg's Legacy 650 Reregistered in Armenia After Stranding

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A **Legacy 650** business jet previously operated by **Air Hamburg** has been **reregistered in Armenia** after being stranded in **Krasnodar, Russia**, following the **February 2022 invasion of Ukraine**.

The **5.9-year-old Embraer jet**, formerly registered as **D-AIRV (msn 14501236)**, last flew on **February 20, 2022**, from **Dubai World Central to Krasnodar**. On **December 4, 2024**, it was reregistered in **Armenia as EK-SIM** under **Sim Avia**, a company that does not hold an **Air Operator's Certificate (AOC)**. The aircraft remains grounded under its new registration.

ADS-B data shows the **Legacy 650** is now certified for **private operations**, with its Armenian registration valid until **August 1, 2025**. It joins Sim Avia's fleet, which includes a **Piper PA-28** and a **Piper PA-46**, both previously registered in Russia.

Sim Avia is owned by **Simon Mnoyan**, who founded the Russian aviation firm **Simavia** in **Krasnodar**. Until **November 2023**, Mnoyan served as the company's director before **Ivan Fateev** took over. Simavia was previously **Piper Aircraft's dealer in Russia**.

Air Hamburg's second stranded aircraft, a **Citation XLS+ (D-CKJM, msn 560-6277)**, remains in Krasnodar. The **5.3-year-old jet** last flew on **February 23, 2022**, from **Nuremberg to Krasnodar**.

Neither Sim Avia nor Mnoyan has commented on the aircraft transfer. The situation highlights ongoing challenges in repositioning jets impacted by **aviation sanctions on Russia**.

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