

= Bergen Aviation =

A / S Bergen Aviation was a Norwegian airline that never operated any flights . Based in Bergen and established in 1984 , it signed an agreement to fly charter flights with Vestlandsreiser in 1986 . It had also made an unsuccessful attempt to receive concession to operate domestic scheduled flights between Oslo Airport , Fornebu and Bergen Airport , Flesland . The airline bought a Sud Aviation Caravelle , but never received permission to operate . The company 's largest owners were Vesta and Vestlandsreiser .

= = History = =

Bergen Aviation was established in 1984 . Fifty percent of Bergen Aviation was owned by the insurance company Vesta , twenty percent was owned by Vestlandreiser , and the rest was owned by various companies based in Bergen . The airline 's first contract was with charter tour operator Vestlandsreiser , which was scheduled to begin on 1 May 1986 . The contract was secured after Vestlandsreiser on 30 January 1986 had announced that they would terminate their agreement with Swedish airline Transwede , citing the latter 's repeated delays and cancellations . The contract consisted of services from Stavanger Airport , Sola ; Bergen Airport , Flesland ; Haugesund Airport , Karmøy ; and Sandefjord Airport , Torp to Palma de Mallorca Airport , Spain and Crete , Greece . To operate the charter routes , Bergen Aviation bought a 99 @-@ seat Sud Aviation SE @-@ 210 Caravelle from Hispania Líneas Aéreas in January 1986 , financed with a loan from Nevi .

On 10 February , Bergen Aviation announced that they had applied the Norwegian Civil Aviation Administration to operate a scheduled service between Flesland and Oslo Airport , Fornebu . At the time , Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) had a monopoly on the route , which was Norway 's busiest , carrying 2 @,@ 000 to 3 @,@ 000 passengers per day . Einar Falck , Vesta 's chief executive officer , stated that the mechanics strike which had recently hit SAS had shown how vulnerable the SAS monopoly was . He further stated that should Bergen Aviation receive concession , they would acquire Boeing 737 or Douglas DC @-@ 9 aircraft for the route , and the owner group would consider listing the company . The application was part of a trend among smaller Norwegian airlines to apply for the new route . At the time there were 42 pending applications from 15 airlines awaiting decision in the Ministry of Transport and Communications . The Progress Party 's Youth supported Bergen Aviation 's application at its national convention .

The airline sent an application to register the Caravelle in April , but the application was canceled later in the month , and the aircraft was subsequently registered in Sweden . By June the airline had still not received permission to operate , causing problems for Vestlandsreiser , who had to make last @-@ minute leases of aircraft , and had to terminate all flights from Stavanger .