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Lufthansa Cargo expanding its range of digital services

API interfaces 'GetCapacity' and 'GetRates' provide access to capacity and rate data.

Speed and reliability play a major role not only when cargo is in transit. Already during the booking request, it is sometimes the case that every second counts. For this reason, Lufthansa Cargo is now offering its customers two new programming interfaces for their applications: With the APIs 'GetCapacity' and 'GetRates', the freight airline is offering its partners direct access to capacity and rate data. Companies can thus use the data quickly and easily in their own system and process it further without having to manually upload it. In addition, real-time data exchange on capacity makes information

on flight utilisation available also outside of office hours. It's a service that not only speeds up the exchange of information but also massively simplifies it and minimises errors.

'We are continually expanding the digital standardised interfaces for our customers in order to further simplify system-to-system communication', explains Boris Hueske, Head of Digital Transformation at Lufthansa Cargo. 'The increasing number of users proves how widespread market acceptance is. For Lufthansa Cargo, this is another step on the way to becoming a more digital enterprise.'

'GetCapacity' and 'GetRates' complement the already established 'Tracking' and 'GetRoutes' interfaces. Unlike its predecessors, however, the new APIs transmit data worthy of protection and are therefore made available to interested parties on request. In contrast, 'Tracking' and 'GetRoutes' can be called up as usual under www.developer.lufthansa.com. The use of all APIs is self-explanatory and usually possible without instruction.

With the expansion of Web Services, Lufthansa Cargo is further enlarging its existing digital product range on offer, therefore not only improving connectivity to its own customers but also defining new digital standards for the entire air freight industry. For the future, additional intelligent web services for booking are already being planned.

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Lufthansa Cargo ranks among the world's leading air freight carriers. In the 2017 business year, the airline transported around 1.6 million tonnes of freight and mail and sold 8.9 billion revenue tonne- kilometres. The company currently employs about 4,500 people worldwide. Lufthansa Cargo focuses on the airport-to-airport business. The cargo carrier serves around 300 destinations in more than 100 countries with its own fleet of freighters, the belly capacities of passenger aircraft operated by Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines and Eurowings, and an extensive road feeder service network. The bulk of the cargo business is routed through Frankfurt Airport. Lufthansa Cargo is a wholly owned Lufthansa subsidiary of Deutsche Lufthansa AG.

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