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Lufthansa Cargo takes off for the future with new freighters

Europe's leading cargo airline continues to invest in fleet modernization and orders two factory-new Boeing 777F

At its meeting today, the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG approved the order of two Boeing 777F for Lufthansa Cargo. Delivery is already on the way: in both February and March 2019, a newly built aircraft each will take off from the Boeing plant in Seattle headed for Germany.

The investment reflects the financial success of Lufthansa Cargo. With its C40 efficiency program and Cargo Evolution strategy, the airline initiated a comprehensive future program two years ago.

"The Boeing 777F is not only the world's most powerful, efficient and environmentally friendly freighter, it is also a visible sign of our modernization strategy," says Peter Gerber, CEO of Lufthansa Cargo AG. "With the growth of our Boeing 777 freighter fleet, an important milestone has been reached on our way to forming a company for the next generation," Gerber adds.

Further projects to drive forward the modernization of the airline are already being implemented. For example, the infrastructure at the Hub in Frankfurt is being modernized substantially, and a new CoolCenter is under investment at the Hub in Munich. The freight crane is also advancing the digitization of the entire process chain.

Lufthansa Cargo customers benefit from the enormous range of the twin-jet aircraft. With a full payload of 103 tons, the aircraft is able to stay in the air for ten and a half hours. It covers a distance of more than 9,000 kilometers non-stop.

The modernization of the fleet also significantly reduces the burden on the environment. The specific CO₂ emissions of the Boeing 777F are almost 20 percent lower than those of the existing MD-11 freighters. Lufthansa Cargo is thus taking the next major step towards achieving its ambitious environmental goals.

The use of the "Triple Seven" is also good news for residents living close to the airport. The brand-new jet is much quieter than other cargo aircraft in its class. Lufthansa Cargo stands by the commitment to noticeably reduce noise pollution for local residents.

Technical details of the Boeing 777F:

Total length: 63.7 m

Wingspan: 64.8 m

Tail height: 18.6 m

Payload in tons: approx. 103

Range (with a full payload): approx. 9000 km

max. take-off weight: 347 tons

Cruising speed: approx. 896 km/h

Lufthansa Cargo AG

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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