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Reduce complexity, strengthen security of supply

Lufthansa Cargo CEO Gerber welcomes facilitation of administrative procedures

Lufthansa Cargo is making every effort to maintain the flight operations of its cargo aircraft in the current corona crisis. "This is part of our corporate responsibility," said Peter Gerber, Chairman of the Executive Board of Lufthansa Cargo AG. All available freighters are in service. In addition, Lufthansa Cargo and Lufthansa German Airlines are jointly examining the additional use of passenger aircraft for cargo transport.

The rapidly changing regulatory requirements and restrictions worldwide

currently pose the greatest challenge for the cargo airline. The flight schedule is constantly being adapted to the dynamic developments. Due to the large number of specifications, the complexity of planning increases considerably. As a result, the already rare airfreight capacity is becoming even more scarce.

"Facilitation of administrative procedures and especially at our Frankfurt hub can effectively reduce planning complexity in the short term. We welcome here the determination of the politicians to relax operational restrictions where necessary. Together, we can thus strengthen security of supply by air," said Gerber. It is also important that pilots, dispatchers, aircraft maintenance personnel and air cargo handlers, for example, as critical employees, are not restricted in their professional activities. This also applies to upstream and downstream processes, for example in the areas of air traffic control, airports, customs authorities and security checks, as well as in the area of cargo delivery and pickup.

In emergency and crisis situations in particular, logistics and air cargo are of crucial importance in supporting global supply chains. In addition to urgent spare and machine parts, mainly sensitive pharmaceuticals and fresh goods are transported by air intercontinentally.

Lufthansa Cargo AG

With a turnover of 2.5 billion euros and 8.9 billion revenue tonne-kilometres in 2019, Lufthansa Cargo is one of the world's leading companies in the transport of air freight. 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 German Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Eurowings and SunExpress, 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 and Lufthansa Group's logistics specialist.

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