

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES TAKES DELIVERY OF THIRD BOEING 747–8F**

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC), part of Volga–Dnepr Group and Russia’s largest cargo airline, has taken delivery of its third Boeing 747–8 Freighter from Boeing in Everett (USA). The aircraft made its first commercial flight from Seattle (USA) – Hong Kong (China) – Moscow/ Sheremetyevo (Russia).

The new aircraft will be used on ABC’s existing route network linking Europe, Asia and the USA with AirBridgeCargo’s hubs in Moscow.

Delivery of a third Boeing 747–8F is the next step by AirBridgeCargo in implementing its fleet renewal strategy by replacing older aircraft with new generation cargo aircraft. On receipt of its third Boeing 747–8F the airline reduced its average fleet age to 4.1 years. AirBridgeCargo’s fleet now consists of 11 Boeing 747 aircraft (five Boeing 747–400ERF, three Boeing 747–400F and three Boeing 747–8F).

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### **Boeing 747–8 Freighter**

The 747–8 Freighter is longer than the 747–400F by 5.6 m and have a maximum structural payload capability of 154 tons, including tare weight, with a range of 8,130 km. The 747–8 Freighter has lower ton-mile costs and more revenue cargo volume than its predecessor. The additional 120 cu m of volume means the airplane can accommodate four additional main-deck pallets and three additional lower-hold pallets. Boeing 747–8 Freighter is equipped with GENx–2B engines manufactured by GE. The 747–8 Freighter represents a new benchmark in fuel efficiency and noise reduction. The airplane is 15% more fuel efficient than the 747–400F.

Volga-Dnepr Group was the first to place order for Boeing 747-8F in Russia.

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