

## Media Release

### Cargolux Italia inaugurates Zhengzhou flights

#### Stop in Novosibirsk marks the first commercial Cargolux service to Russia

*Luxembourg, 15 June 2015* – Cargolux Italia has started a weekly 747 freighter service from Milan Malpensa to Zhengzhou, the Chinese hub of Cargolux Airlines. The first flight left Milan on 13 June; the schedule calls for flights every Saturday on the routing Malpensa – Novosibirsk – Zhengzhou – Novosibirsk – Malpensa.

Flight C8 8755 leaves Milan at 04:00 and arrives in Novosibirsk at 14:15 (all times local). Take off from Novosibirsk is at 15.45 with arrival in Zhengzhou at 22:15. The return flight, C8 8766, leaves Zhengzhou on Sunday mornings at 00:15, arrives in Novosibirsk at 03:15 with departure at 04:15. It arrives back in Milan at 06:25.

The weekend service is timed to take advantage of the shipping industry's needs to move its weekday production overseas. Commodities on this route include Italian fashion goods, machinery and mechanical spare parts. Cargolux Italia's flights make good use of Zhengzhou as a major gateway to China, from where goods are forwarded to other Chinese markets on Cargolux's extensive trucking system.

For the first time in the history of Cargolux, the new Cargolux Italia service introduces a commercial stop in Russia. The airline is now able to also offer its customer fast and reliable connections between Europe and Novosibirsk, an important Russian gateway for flowers, garments and machinery.

"For Cargolux Italia and the Cargolux group, the new flight to Zhengzhou and Novosibirsk represent the consolidation of the presence in the Italian market with the first flight to the province of Henan and Novosibirsk", says Pierandrea Galli CEO and Accountable Manager of Cargolux Italia, "and this is in addition to the flight already performed to the main destination from Italy, such as Hong Kong, Osaka, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The new service underlines Cargolux Italia status as the main all-cargo carrier at Malpensa and main supporter of the Italian customers, in a time of economic recovery for Italian exports."

"This new flight represents a new service for Malpensa in connecting the two destinations for the first time", says Andrea Tucci VP Aviation Business Development. "The direct connection to Zhengzhou is a great opportunity for Malpensa and its territory to improve the freight distribution in the Chinese market through the new Cargolux's hub.

The Cargolux Group has grown by 5% in 2014 and contributes, as the premier cargo carrier at Malpensa with a 15% market share, to the excellent results in cargo traffic of our airport, that has shown a growth of 9% in the first five months of 2015 - one of the best performances among major European airports.”

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