

DHL Express renews lease at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

DHL Express has renewed its tenancy agreement at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol for a further term of ten years. Wouter van Benten (Managing Director of DHL Express) and André van den Berg (Director of Schiphol Real Estate) signed the new agreement on January 28th.

DHL Express has been located at Anchorageaan, at Schiphol Southeast, since 2006, in a building situated adjacent to Runway 06-24 (Kaagbaan) where all the sorting activities for parcel shipments take place.

In addition, the building accommodates an office section for the Dutch arm of DHL Express's international network. The DHL Express sorting centre employs around 125 staff.

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol performs a pivotal role for a major part of the Dutch network of DHL Express, connecting the Dutch operations to DHL's worldwide express network. With its own branch offices in 220 countries, DHL has the largest international network in the sector.

Comments Schiphol Cargo Senior VP, Enno Osinga: "We are very happy with DHL's decision to reaffirm its long-term commitment to a strong Schiphol base. DHL's continuing presence reinforces Schiphol's position as a key international gateway for integrators, carriers, and their customers."

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Amsterdam Airport Schiphol Cargo at a glance:

- third largest cargo airport in Europe
- seventeenth largest cargo airport in the world
- Schiphol's air cargo community employs over 26,000 people.
- 1.5 million tonnes of cargo in 2011
- 313 scheduled airline destinations in 90+ countries
- 106 scheduled airlines
- 22 scheduled freighter operators
- Highest share of (non-integrator) maindeck capacity in Europe
- 25 dedicated full freighter Cat 8/9 stands

- 5 main runways, ranging from 3,400 – 3,800 metres in length
- Ready to handle multiple A380s & B747-8Fs
- Eight cargo handling companies
- 400,000 m² of cargo warehouses, of which 60% have direct air side access
- 11,000 m² of new cargo buildings under construction with direct air side access
- Airside access for logistic service providers
- Over 150 logistic service providers situated at or in vicinity of Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
- Over 50% of all American and Asian European Distribution Centres located in the Netherlands
- Airport-seaport synergies: Amsterdam Airport Schiphol close to Ports of Rotterdam and Amsterdam
- Unparalleled European road feeder and distribution network
- Over 25 trucking companies operate at the airport

Amsterdam Connecting Trade:

- 3 new logistic parks planned
- dedicated freight lane planned to connect air cargo terminal directly to logistic parks, truck-, water- and High Speed Train Cargo terminal of ACT

Schiphol SmartGate Cargo

The airport, air cargo industry & customs have joined forces to integrate monitoring of goods leaving the EU from Schiphol, allowing rapid and efficient clearance:

- Integrated cargo control & inspection
- Shorter lead times & lower costs
- Increased reliability, safety & security

See www.schiphol.com/smartgate

About e-freight:

E-freight is an IATA initiative which aims to replace paper with digital documents throughout all elements of the air cargo supply chain – including shippers, forwarders and export customs, carriers, import customs, handling agents, forwarders and consignees. Traditional paper-based air cargo involves some thirty documents for every shipment, and is estimated to create the equivalent of eighty Boeing 747 freighter-loads of paper every year. E-freight eliminates re-keying of data: reducing cost, speeding processes and enhancing accuracy.

About e-Link:

This is a pilot scheme operated by Amsterdam Connecting Trade in collaboration with Schiphol Smartgate Cargo. Three handling agents and three forwarders are

currently testing the system, whose aim is to reduce customs clearance times and unnecessary paper in the supply chain.

Under E-link, the existing ACN pass has been expanded into a “smartcard” that carries data for Customs-cleared shipments. The card provides security access for vehicle and driver at the handling agent’s premises, where the data and responsibility for the shipment is transferred from the card to the next party in the supply chain. The system then allocates a door for offloading the cargo. E-link complies with all customs procedures, and has already demonstrated 25% time savings in some processes.