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## **AirBridgeCargo Airlines introduces scheduled service at Rickenbacker International Airport**

*Russia-based freighter operator adds Columbus' thriving freight hub to growing global network*

COLUMBUS — AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) will become the fifth world-class freighter operator to provide scheduled service at Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK).

The Russia-based company, which is one of the fastest-growing international freight carriers, joins the thriving network of premier logistics service providers at cargo-dedicated Rickenbacker, which is known throughout the world for its rapid speed, personal service and centralized location in North America. ABC will employ its fleet of Boeing 747 freighters that provide up to 139 tons of capacity for all types of imports and exports.

"With a view to continue expansion of our footprint in the USA, Columbus has been on the radar of our business interests for quite a while," said Sergey Lazarev, General Director for ABC. "Rickenbacker's strengths, such as proximity to distribution centers of various companies, including the fashion and apparel industries; airport and ground handling infrastructure and facilities; and the existing network of partners in the Columbus Region, ensure we can provide our clients with reliable and efficient service."

ABC's inaugural flight will land April 5, and weekly scheduled flights will continue on Thursdays, carrying freight inbound from the airline's global hub in Moscow and returning to Moscow through Liege, Belgium.

ABC joins Cargolux, Cathay Pacific Cargo, Emirates SkyCargo and Etihad Cargo as premier freight carriers that operate up to 15 weekly international flights at LCK. Numerous world-class freighter operators also provide regular, on-demand charter services.

"We're excited Rickenbacker's advantages have translated to success for our forward-thinking logistics partners, which in turn drives the success of the Columbus Region," said Joseph Nardone, President & CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates Rickenbacker. "Rickenbacker has grown phenomenally during the past five years, and the next five years look even more promising."

### **About Rickenbacker International Airport**

Located in Columbus, Ohio, Rickenbacker International Airport is one of the world's few cargo-dedicated airports. Rickenbacker is within a one-day drive to nearly half of the U.S. population and one-third of the Canadian population.

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With regularly scheduled import and export service via Cargolux, Cathay Pacific, Emirates SkyCargo, Etihad Cargo and now AirBridgeCargo Airlines, Rickenbacker specializes in expedited services that move cargo between planes and trucks faster and more consistently than other gateway airports. FedEx and UPS also are on site to provide domestic cargo service, which is critical to growing e-commerce activity.

Learn more at [RickenbackerInlandPort.com](http://RickenbackerInlandPort.com).

### **About AirBridge Cargo Airlines**

ABC is one of the world's fastest-growing cargo airlines, and its expanding route network connects customers in the largest trans-regional markets of Asia, Europe and North America, covering more than 30 major cargo gateways and accommodating trade flows worldwide. All flights are operated via ABC's cargo hub at Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport, featuring the latest equipment and guaranteeing seamless connection throughout the airline's expanded international network in a 48-hour delivery time, including handling, all managed by highly skilled and qualified ground handling personnel.

Learn more at [AirBridgeCargo.com](http://AirBridgeCargo.com).

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