



Press release

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Sheremetyevo Airport has become a partner of the pilot project of implementation of the IATA e-Freight standard in Russia

Sheremetyevo International Airport has become a partner of the pilot project of the e-Freight implementation in the Russian Federation. JSC «Sheremetyevo International Airport» (MASH) has signed an agreement with **“Innovation Center of Civil Aviation” LLC (ICCA), which is the developer and coordinator of this project.**

The e-Freight standard has been developed and recommended by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and in Russia it is being implemented under the control of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation. It will be implemented in test run mode on several transit and transfer freight flights performed through the Sheremetyevo Airport. Thereby, handling and cargo escorting on such flights will be carried out **without any paperwork**, including the interaction with federal authorities.

As a part of collaboration on the pilot project, “Innovation Center of Civil Aviation” carries out coordination between freight market actors and federal authorities’ representatives, including elaboration on necessary amendments of legislative acts which regulate freight flights in the Russian Federation. Also, “Innovation Center of Civil Aviation” formulates technical requirements for data exchange and monitors the execution periods of preparatory works of the project members according to schedule. Sheremetyevo Airport, in its turn, provides basic infrastructure and logistic support for test flights and relevant electronic data exchange. The beginning of the test flights under the e-Freight standard is planned for May, 2012.

President of “Innovation Center of Civil Aviation” Rano Dzhuraeva says:

«Implementation of the international standard of electronic handling and cargo escorting plays strategic role in development of the transport system of the Russian Federation and its integration into the international freight market. By 2014 all countries where freight flights are being developed should obligatorily adopt e-Freight standard. And if Russia won't be able to do the same, the country will be isolated from the world market and will lose its transit potential. In this respect, Sheremetyevo's participation in the pilot project is very important. It's the main air gate to Russia, the most important air freight checkpoint. The lion's share of freight traffic throughout the Russian Federation goes through Moscow Air Transportation Hub, and more than 50 per cent of that traffic goes through Sheremetyevo. Our key freight carriers - “Aeroflot” and “AirBridgeCargo” airline companies - are also based there. That's why the first flights under the

international technology e-Freight will be performed through airports Sheremetyevo and Tolmachevo (Novosibirsk), which has been among the first to take part in the pilot project and is ready to work with international standard e-Freight now».

Director of The Freight Flights Department of the Sheremetyevo Airport Victor Melekhin says:

«Implementation of the e-Freight is an important step to expansion of transfer and transit flight performance through our airport, it will imply further development of infrastructure, construction of new high-technology storage spaces equipped according to the world standards. Implementation of the e-Freight will contribute to organization of effective handling and cargo escorting system and transformation of the Sheremetyevo airport into the largest international freight hub».

Reference: about the implementation process of the e-Freight standard in Russia

E-Freight is an international electronic handling and cargo escorting standard, developed and recommended by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which implies electronic document exchange by freight carriage actors between them and with federal regulatory authorities on air checkpoints en-route.

At the present time, along with the Sheremetyevo Airport, the participants of the pilot project are Tolmachevo airport (Novosibirsk), «Aeroflot» and «AirBridgeCargo» airlines. On the part of federal authority the following institutions take part in the pilot project: FTS of Russia, Rosselkhoznadzor, Rosgranitsa, Rostransnadzor, FNS of Russia, PS FSB of Russia, Ministry of Information and Mass Communications of Russia.

At the present time, under the umbrella of the Governmental commission on transport and communications of the Russian Federation an inter authority commission on the implementation of the e-Freight standard in Russia is being created, which unites representatives of the given authorities, air companies and airport, under the direction of the deputy minister of transport of the Russian Federation V. M. Okulov.