

# Cargo Update

**Subject:** American joins IATA multilateral e-AWB initiative

## Summary

American Airlines Cargo announced today it joins the elite group of carriers to sign the IATA Multilateral Electronic Air Waybill (e-AWB) Agreement, moving the airline one step closer to paperless airfreight operations.

“We have been working behind the scenes on this important issue for some time, and we’re excited to see our name added to the agreement,” said Kenji Hashimoto, American’s President of Cargo. “Joining this pioneering group moves us one step closer to paperless operations, which will create more efficiencies for our customers and help minimize our impact on the environment.”

The IATA agreement provides a single standard agreement for airlines and freight forwarders to carry out cargo contracts electronically. As of Sept. 2, 41 airlines and 187 freight forwarders have joined the multilateral agreement.

## Key Messages

- American Airlines Cargo signed the IATA Multilateral Electronic Air Waybill (e-AWB) Agreement this month, moving it one step closer to paperless airfreight operations.
- Long term, American strives to move toward paperless operations that will ultimately help to increase the efficiency, accuracy and speed of processing freight, while reducing errors and costs for the company and its customers. The move is one way the airline is looking to minimize its impact on the environment.
- American is undergoing trials with key customers on select lanes with goals of expanding e-AWBs throughout its network soon thereafter.

