

Emirates SkyCargo Bolsters Australian Operation with Additional Freighter

Expanded service will enable carrier to facilitate more international trade between Australian businesses and points throughout its network of 120-plus destinations

16 April, 2012 – Emirates SkyCargo, the freight division of Emirates, the international airline which serves Australia with 70 weekly passenger flights, is strengthening trade partnerships between Australia and points throughout its global network with the launch of an additional dedicated weekly freighter service from Sydney.

A dedicated Boeing 777 freighter is now flying twice a week – on the Dubai-Singapore-Sydney-Hong Kong-Dubai route - providing these key trading points with additional connectivity to Emirates' Dubai hub and onwards to more than 120 destinations on the carrier's network.

“The demand for a bi-weekly service is a good indication of Australia's growing importance as a trade partner to major international markets,” said Greg Johnson, Emirates' Cargo Manager Australia.

“Emirates SkyCargo is committed to providing Australian businesses access to trade opportunities in the 70-plus countries we operate to via our state-of-the-art Cargo Mega Terminal in Dubai.”

“With new markets also opening up as more points on our ever-expanding network come online, Emirates SkyCargo – now with greater levels of flexibility, capacity and convenience in Australia - is well positioned to support the development of the country's export and imports industry,” added Johnson.

This second service comes just seven months after the introduction of the first dedicated freighter service. The Boeing 777 freighter has

the capability to carry up to 103 tonnes of cargo and will boost Emirates SkyCargo's import capacity to more than 1500 tonnes per week.

With long-range flying capacity and technologically advanced General Electric (GE) engines, Emirates is the largest operator of Boeing 777 aircraft in the world, with 102 aircraft currently in service. The aircraft also maintains the lowest fuel burn of any comparable sized aircraft, at nearly 18 percent less than standard freighters, making Emirates SkyCargo a more sustainable choice.

Emirates SkyCargo serves a global route network that spans 123 points in 72 countries, including 12 cargo-only destinations, while more than 50 of the locations Emirates SkyCargo serves are e-freight compliant.

Emirates currently operates 70 flights per week to Dubai from Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney, and 28 weekly trans-Tasman services. The airline's fleet of 171 wide-bodied aircraft includes eight freighters and is among the youngest in the skies.

Freighter Schedule

The new service, EK9824, will depart Dubai every Saturday at 07:55 and touchdown in Singapore at 19:15 same day. The B777F will then depart at 20:45 and complete its outbound journey at 06:15 the following day when it touches down at Sydney International Airport. The return service, EK 9825, will depart Sydney every Sunday at 09:10 and land in Hong Kong at 16:15 same day. This service will then depart Hong Kong at 18:30 as EK 9881, arriving in Dubai at 22:50.

The current service, EK9920, departs Dubai every Sunday at 20:35 landing in Singapore at 07:55 the following day. The B777F then departs at 09:00 and touches down at Sydney International Airport at 18:30 the same day. The return service, EK 9921, departs Sydney every Monday at 21:30 landing in Hong Kong at 04:35 on Tuesday. Departs Hong Kong at 07:35 as EK 9865, the service then terminates in Dubai at 10:35 the same day.

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EKF: Emirates SkyCargo has expanded its Sydney freighter operation and a Boeing 777F will now fly twice a week on the Dubai-Singapore-Sydney-Hong Kong-Dubai route, providing these key trading points with additional connectivity to Emirates' Dubai hub and onwards to more than 120 destinations on the carrier's network.

About Emirates SkyCargo

Emirates SkyCargo is the freight division of Emirates and serves four destinations in Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. Emirates has been operating passenger services to Australia since 1996 and operates 70 every week, while it launched its freighter service, which operates Dubai-Singapore-Sydney-Hong Kong-Dubai, in 2011.

Reflecting Emirates' overall policy of excellence in every area of operation, Emirates SkyCargo's investment in highly-qualified staff, the very latest information technology, the most efficient aircraft and the finest ground handling facilities, has made it a significant force in the global air cargo industry.

In the 2010-11 financial year, Emirates SkyCargo carried 1.8 million tonnes of cargo across its network, contributing 17.4 per cent - US\$ 2.4 billion - of the airline's total transport revenue. Based out of Dubai International Airport, its \$327million 43,600 square metre Cargo Mega Terminal is designed to handle 1.2 million tonnes of cargo a year.

Emirates' 171-strong fleet – including eight freighters (four Boeing 777Fs, two 747-400Fs and two 747-400ERFs) - is one of the youngest in the skies.

In 2010, the carrier launched nine new routes, including three freighter services - to Almaty, Bagram, Viracopos (Sao Paulo). Emirates' new routes in 2011 included Basra, Erbil (freighter only), Geneva, Copenhagen, St Petersburg, Lome (freighter only) and Baghdad. New destinations to join the network in 2012 include Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires (both 3rd January), Dublin (9th January), Lusaka and

Harare (both 1st February), Dallas (2nd February), Seattle (1st March), Liege (3rd April, freighter only) Ho Chi Minh City (4th June), Barcelona (3rd July), Lisbon (9th July) and Washington (12th September).

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