

# Press Release

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## **Schiphol retains top two ranking in Air Cargo Excellence Awards**

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol has once again been ranked in the top two major European airports (over 1 million tonnes per annum) in this year's Air Cargo Excellence Survey.

Schiphol's 2012 score of 104 was an improvement on 2011's 103 points. And, despite the challenges of running a large airport with significant cargo tonnages and many aircraft movements, Schiphol's score ranked very well again this year among other majors around the world, and positioned it in the top 35% of all airports surveyed.

This year's top spot went to Frankfurt, which has consistently been ranked in the top two alongside Schiphol for some years. The results were announced at a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, where senior representatives of the global air cargo community were gathered for the IATA World Cargo Symposium.

Says Schiphol Cargo Senior VP Enno Osinga: "There are two airports in Europe which consistently score above average (ie over 100), and which every year emerge as the top two in Europe. Schiphol is proud to be one of those two.

"After winning the award for a number of consecutive years, we applaud Frankfurt for the improvements they have made resulting in their number one position this year."

He continues: "The high scores achieved both by Frankfurt and Schiphol are a reflection of the constant drive for innovation and improvement. We will continue

on this track to ensure that we remain one of the top cargo airports in Europe. We thank all those who ranked Schiphol so highly.”

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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
- 21 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 m<sup>2</sup> of cargo warehouses, of which 60% have direct air side access
- 11,000 m<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-Freight@NL:**

E-freight@NL is an important initiative to turn Amsterdam Airport Schiphol into a paperless cargo hub. In 2010 the project was awarded a € 1.2 million grant from the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. With KLM Cargo as secretary, the project's participants include various supply chain partners and organisations including Air Cargo Netherlands. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol plays a key role in strengthening relations with other major worldwide hubs involved in e-freight, such as Singapore and Hong Kong.

### **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.