

Schiphol Cargo throughput swings towards exports

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol experienced improved cargo throughput figures in the three months July-September. The quarter was the best in 2012 to date, with a total of 373,988 tonnes (1.8% below 2011).

The period also saw exports exceed imports for the first time since at least the first quarter of 2011. This was influenced by strong exports to Asia, North America, Africa and Latin America in July.

Cargo for the period January-September 2012 was 2.7% down on 2011, at 1,103,162 tonnes - reducing the year-to-date shortfall from 3.3% in August. The figure was helped by September's 2% growth.

Says Schiphol Cargo Senior VP Enno Osinga: "Considering all the ongoing problems in Europe and the USA at present, we are very satisfied with these figures, which could have been very much worse.

"It's very interesting to note the recent swing towards exports, which may have been caused by the weak Euro encouraging overseas buyers. This is good news for our carriers, who are now enjoying more even utilisation of capacity in both directions."

He concludes: "There is still little prospect of significant or sustained growth in the short term, and we will therefore continue to focus on our longer-term dual strategies to promote greater efficiency in processes, and stimulate new sources of traffic such as pharma. Both will eventually further strengthen our position as the preferred gateway for European air cargo exports and imports."

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Download the full January-September tonnage statistics from: <http://www.schiphol.nl/B2B/Cargo/CargoSTATS.htm>

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
- 22 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 m² of cargo warehouses, of which 60% have direct air side access
- 11,000 m² 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

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.