

# Schiphol welcomes back Thai Cargo

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol has welcomed the inaugural flight of Thai Cargo's new weekly B747 freighter services.

The aircraft - delivered in early May - was escorted to the ramp by a fleet of airport authority ramp vehicles, where it enjoyed the traditional water arch salute by Schiphol's Fire Brigade.

The new Thai Cargo freighter service operates Bangkok-Madras-Amsterdam-Bangkok, and marks the return of Thai Cargo to Schiphol after an absence of around 18 months. Aviapartner has been appointed to provide ground and ramp handling services.

Says Thai Cargo Regional Manager Sales & Operations, Norbert Rockenmeyer: "Our fleet development program is proceeding entirely according to our schedule. Now we are able to offer the Dutch cargo community a combined transport capacity of around 200 tonnes per week."

Thai Cargo's new freighter service brings Amsterdam's total of freighter operators to 22, and its weekly total of freighter flights to 300.

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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
- 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](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.

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