

Stansted Airport's impressive cargo operation will enjoy a further boost this week with the arrival of Europe's largest dedicated cargo airline, Cargolux.

The Luxembourg-based carrier will fly a Boeing 747 on a twice weekly service between Stansted, Hong Kong and Luxembourg.

Mark Souter, Head of Airline Relations at Stansted Airport, said:

"We're delighted that Europe's largest dedicated freight operator has selected the modern, world class cargo facilities at Stansted from which to operate their freight services between Hong Kong and Luxembourg. The cargo hub at Stansted offers excellent operational capacity, airfield and infrastructure reliability and easy access to the road network.

Together with the ability to operate around the clock, Stansted provides businesses with access to multiple markets across the globe and adds significantly to the desirability of the UK as a place to locate and invest.

"The professionalism and reputation of the cargo partners already based here was also a major influencing factor in Cargolux's decision. Our cargo operation is an important part of the Stansted offer and vital to the economic well-being of the region and country as a whole so we welcome Cargolux to Stansted and look forward to a long and successful business partnership."

Mark Boffee, Cargolux Country Manager UK, said the new service expands the freight carrier's UK operation and offers an easy connection to every destination on their worldwide network.

"Our customers can now benefit from a fast and reliable airfreight connection to the worldwide Cargolux network that significantly cuts down on shipping times. The service uses Cargolux's modern fleet of Boeing 747 freighters. The airline has embarked on a fleet roll-over program and is currently replacing its proven Boeing 747-400 freighters with 13 units of Boeing's new and advanced 747-8 freighters, six of which were delivered by the end of 2012," added Mr Boffee.

Stansted is one of the largest freight hubs in the UK and home to an international cargo operation that transports over 200,000 tonnes of goods to destinations worldwide, including the USA and Far East. A

testimony to the airport's status as a major international cargo facility is the growing number of industry leaders that have already chosen to operate from the airport – Asiana, British Airways World Cargo, Global Supply Systems, Fed EX, Martinair, Royal Mail, Panalpina, Titan, TNT and UPS.

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About London Stansted Airport

London Stansted Airport is the 3rd largest in London (4th in UK) handling around 18 million passengers a year.

Firmly positioned as a market leader for short-haul travel across Europe, with over 150 destinations across 30 countries, Stansted serves more scheduled connections to Europe than any other airport in the world.

With approval to serve 35mppa, it's the only London airport with space and permission to grow, within its existing infrastructure.

Stansted also boasts an impressive and growing range of transport links that benefit from close proximity to the M11 and A120, as well direct trains to London and Cambridge and is proud to be the UK's leading major airport (and one of the best-performing in Europe), with nearly half of passengers travelling to and from by public transport.

London Stansted Airport won several notable international awards, including:

- Skytrax 'World's Best Airport for Low-Cost Airlines 2011 and 2012
- 'Air Cargo Award of Excellence' (April 2011)
- UK's best cleaned transport premises at the Golden Service Awards (November 2011)

The airport also holds ISO14001 for environmental management, OHSAS18001 for Health & Safety systems and Carbon Trust Standard for reductions to emissions.