

The 2015 cargo surge at Liege Airport

After a great 2014 where cargo volumes grew at more than 5% Liege Airport is again outgrowing the market by showing an impressive growth of 13 % during the first 6 months of 2015.

Liege Airport hereby not only confirms and reinforces its position as 1st cargo airport in Belgium; it is also one of the fastest growing big cargo hubs in Europe.

Not only Liege Airport's long term airline customers are showing nice growth of volumes but also airlines that joined Liege Airport in the last few years (Qatar Airways, ANA Aviation/Allied Air, Saudia Cargo) are showing great growth figures.

The traffic increase is showing on all major trade lanes (Asia, Africa & Americas) but a few lanes in particular have grown significantly. For example Turkey cargo volumes grew by 50 % in the first 6 months of 2015, and cargo to/from the Americas are up 75%. Reasons for this are the opening of additional scheduled freighter flights to/from Istanbul, Mexico, Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta, Chicago and New York.

Besides being connected to all continents and having a great trucking network all over Europe the main triggers for such growth figures are the tailored services for Liege Airport's key product groups: live animals, perishables, pharmaceuticals, express/parcels and oversized project cargo.

Taking into account an increase of full freighter movements of 11% the conclusion of the first 6 months of the year is that Liege Airport and the airlines operating at Liege show great performance on all parameters: 13% growth in total tonnage, 11% more full freighter capacity and an improved load factor.

About Liege Airport :

Liege Airport is the largest cargo airport in Belgium and a European leader, with 590,000 tons of cargo in 2014. Very strategically located, right in the heart of and directly connected to the major European markets, all services and stakeholders at Liege Airport are continuously available (H24/7, no curfew, no congestion and no slots requirements) providing the fastest and most convenient infrastructure and services to the cargo community.

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