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### **Nothing can stop Liege Airport**

**Like racehorses at the starting post, nothing can stop Liege Airport. This September, 500 horses will transit through the Horse Inn and fly to the United States for the FEI World Equestrian Games.**

From 11 to 23 September 2018, the FEI World Equestrian Games will be held in the USA, at Tryon (North Carolina). Over a period of two weeks, this event will be home to the World Championships for eight disciplines: team/individual competition, dressage, endurance, reining, jumping, para-dressage, vaulting and carriage driving.

The Tryon International Equestrian Center extends over 1,600 hectares and provides 1,200 permanent boxes and twelve tracks, the largest of which can accommodate 12,000 people in its stands as well as a riding arena seating 5,000. The best horses in the world will be in heaven, and they will also enjoy high standard reception at the airport.

For more than ten years, Liege Airport has been specialising in the transport of horses. In 2016, an infrastructure dedicated to horses - the Horse Inn - was opened to improve services even further. The handling company LACHS manages the Horse Inn. For David Alexis, Deputy General Manager, this is an exceptional operation: *"We are used to managing the transport of horses for the biggest equestrian competitions in the world, but here the number of horses and flights is much greater. We have planned teams of experts at each stage of the handling chain: equipment for the horses, reception of the horses in the boxes, loading the planes and also the cleaning. For each operation, 25 people will be present to ensure smooth running. Nothing can be left to chance in this type of operation which has become a trademark of Lachs and Liege Airport for more than 10 years"*.

### **Liege is on the world map**

For Liege Airport, this is an important logistical challenge, conducted with LACHS and the world's leading equestrian transport and logistics specialist, Peden Bloodstock. Peden has extensive experience in equine airlifts of this kind having been the Equine Transport and Logistics provider for the 9 previous Olympic Games, and all World Equestrian Games since their inception in 1990. For this, the 8<sup>th</sup> World Equestrian Games, Peden Bloodstock will fly more than 500 horses representing 57 national federations and several metric tonnes of material to Tryon for the equestrian competition.

Emirates is the airline providing 19 flights between Liege Airport and Greenville-Spartanburg International (South Carolina).

Félix-Marie Brasseur, Ambassador of the Horse Inn for Liege Airport expresses his satisfaction: *"For several years, Liege Airport has become a reference in the transport of horses. We have strengthened our services so that horse owners, riders and grooms are fully satisfied. After the Olympic Games in Rio in 2016, this operation places Liege even more on the international map for the equestrian world. We are also responding to our mission of economic development by creating and consolidating jobs in Wallonia in the equestrian sector"*.

### **About Liege Airport**

Liege Airport, Belgium's biggest cargo airport, is the most specialized cargo platform in the heart of the Amsterdam-Paris-Frankfurt golden triangle. Having a product-driven development strategy it positions itself as the easy in & out cargo hub for Central Europe. Specialized in express freight, e-commerce, pharmaceutical and perishables products, as well as in live animals, each specific procedure guarantees the fastest throughput time on the market. Liege Airport, the Flexport® is less than one day by truck from the largest European cities, thus reaching around 400 million consumers. Besides offering an uncongested 24/7 operational airport it also offers the advantage of an excellent, uncongested motorway network. For more information: [www.liegeairport.com](http://www.liegeairport.com)

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