



Geneva International Airport inaugurates a direct all-cargo flight to Shanghai

Lufthansa Cargo and the Geneva International Airport Authorities (AIG) are inaugurating today, 9th July 2009, a direct "all cargo" connection to the Chinese city of Shanghai.

Every fortnight, on Thursdays, Lufthansa's freight subsidiary will be flying to the Chinese metropolis with a Boeing 747-400 ERF aircraft operated by Jade Cargo. This plane, of a new generation and therefore producing less noise and less pollution, offers a capacity of 102 tons.

Applied Materials, a company based in Cheseaux (VD), will be the first customer of the new cargo flight. Amongst others, the company produces equipment for the fabrication of solar photovoltaic cells and energy efficient glass. Until now, their load had to be transported by road to one of the European hubs offering flights to China. Henceforth, they can take advantage of a direct cargo connection right to their door.

The cargo flight between Geneva and China responds to an important demand expressed by the Swiss market as well as companies established in the French neighbourhood. This flight represents a major opportunity for the whole region. It enlarges favourably the offer of Geneva International Airport's cargo activity: per year, approximately 55'000 tons of freight are being handled through AIG.

Geneva International Airport becomes the seventh European Lufthansa Cargo station to operate direct flights to China. In total, Lufthansa Cargo offers now 20 weekly "all cargo" direct flights between different European cities and China.

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