



IATA E-FREIGHT



Welcome to issue 6 of IATA e-freight Operations News

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IATA e-freight is growing rapidly around the world. This regular briefing allows you to keep up with the latest developments in taking the paper out of air cargo. Find out about achievements and progress, what's new with e-freight processes and standards, additions to the e-freight route network, growth in e-freight operators, and volumes of e-freight consignments.

Hot news:

The new electronic Air Waybill

The Recommended Practice 1670 **Model Agreement for EDI (e-AWB)** has now been approved by the US Department of Transportation and adopted by the IATA Cargo Services Conference. RP 1670 was developed jointly with the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA) and other industry stakeholders.

This recommended practice allows for the full elimination of the paper air waybill for air cargo. It is the result of almost two years of work by industry stakeholders. IATA strongly recommends its adoption by all IATA e-freight participants. IATA has prepared some documentation to help you implement it, including a Quick Reference Guide and Technical Readiness Assessments, available at www.iata.org/e-awb

The IATA e-freight Handbook

The latest edition of the IATA e-freight Handbook, published in March 2010, is now available free of charge at www.iata.org/efreight

New topics available in this edition include:

- All you need to know on the standards and implementation of the electronic Air Waybill
- Updated methodology to implement e-freight
- Further updates to the e-freight product including interlining and new electronic messaging standards.

Industry ADOPTION & PENETRATION - Challenging stakeholders to adopt e-freight and drive-up volumes

Two important reports:

- The **EF (e-freight) "Who and Where" detailed report** provides the list of airlines and freight forwarders operating e-freight per country/airport (at origin and at destination)
- The **Monthly EF volumes report** provides the monthly EF volumes and the league tables (top 10 EF countries at origin and at destination; top 10 EF airlines and freight forwarders).

Both reports are posted on: www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/efreight/scorecards

Geographic CAPABILITY - Building the e-freight route network

IATA board target for 2010: 20 new countries/territories; 8 new airports within existing e-freight countries/territories.

Check out the EF detailed locations' status report for countries, airports and trade lanes (list of live countries and airports, list of countries having passed the HLA, list of valid transit airports, list of airports likely to be live this year, and more). More information on www.iata.org/e-freight

Assessing countries' readiness

- **India:** IATA is awaiting the final response from customs to move forward. If you are interested in bringing e-freight process into your organization, please contact the IATA India Country Manager Sunil Chopra at ChopraS@iata.org
- **Thailand:** IATA is currently reviewing the recently submitted DLA. Further clarifications regarding airlines and forwarders capabilities as well as Thailand's policy and regulations are the focus of the evaluation. If you are interested in implementing e-freight in Thailand, please contact IATA Thailand Cargo Manager, Mr. Pilan Kankaw at kankawp@iata.org

Implementing ready countries

- **Finland:** Helsinki went fully live in March on the HEL-HKG-HEL trade lane, led by Finnair with the participation of DHL Global Forwarding and DB Schenker.
- **China:** e-freight implementation is underway with the plan to go live on international freight at TSN airport, while domestic e-freight is under preparation. Both international and domestic e-freight is led by China Cargo Airlines. If you are interested in implementing e-freight in China, please contact the Regional Manager Supply Chain Solutions, Shu Yin Tan at tansy@iata.org.
- **Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia:** e-freight implementation is underway. To implement e-freight in any of these locations, please contact the Regional Manager Supply Chain Solutions, Chris Wolstenholme at wolstenhoc@iata.org
- **Chile:** e-freight implementation is underway. To implement e-freight in Chile please contact the Regional Manager Supply Chain Solutions, Daniel Baquerizo at baquerizod@iata.org.

Expanding the e-freight network within live countries

- **Europe – Germany:** HAM and MUC are now live.

IATA e-freight PRODUCT - Building one industry standard for the supply chain:

IATA goal in 2010: 20 supply chain documents covered by IATA e-freight and the e-AWB Model Agreement in place

The IATA e-freight Operational Procedures (eFOPs)

- The latest version of the **e-FOPs** and a new document with **specific location e-FOPs** can be found at: www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/efreight/materials

Development of new business processes

- **US Domestic:** The draft of the "IATA US Domestic e-freight Functional Specification" has been completed and a proof of concept is underway.
- **Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods (SDDG):** A proof of concept is underway that will use the new XML standard for the SDDG and remove the necessity to have an original copy of the SDDG therefore removing the need to transport it by air to destination.

Development of new standard messages

- All the IATA e-freight **Business Process and Standards specifications** are available at www.iata.org/e-freight (under Materials)

Mark your agenda!

Frankfurt Local Adoption Meeting (LAM): The next LAM will be held in Frankfurt on the 26th May 2010, hosted by Lufthansa Cargo and sponsored by Traxon Europe.

Best regards,

The IATA e-freight team

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