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## CNS Enhances Air Cargo Payments and Settlements through FlexiPay

19 May 2026 (San Francisco) – Cargo Network Services (CNS) is enhancing its Air Cargo Payments and Settlements offer through the introduction of [CNS FlexiPay](#). This new prepayment and flexible billing solution was officially presented during this year's CNS Partnership Conference and will be launched on 15 June 2026.

FlexiPay allows airlines and freight forwarders to agree flexible payment terms in advance of shipment, based on individual bilateral agreements and complements the existing Cargo Accounts Settlement Systems [CASS](#) process by offering real-time options without changing the core CASS cycle. FlexiPay is fully integrated into CASSLink, IATA's internet-based data processing and customer management system which facilitates data exchange between cargo intermediaries (endorsed agents) and airlines.

"FlexiPay will enhance our CASSLink offer, the preferred settlement system for the air cargo value chain in the USA, providing greater transparency, flexibility and control over the entire payment process. For an industry that relies on speed and efficiency in transporting goods around the globe, it is essential that our payment systems follow suit", said Alicia Lines, President Cargo Network Services.

With FlexiPay, the airline sends the Air Waybill (AWB) billing file to CASSLink before or after the shipment is flown and the freight forwarder authorizes payment in real time and may choose which AWBs to pay. FlexiPay offers real-time billing, instant invoicing and payments, along with supporting secure prepayments and flexible payment terms, thus giving airlines and freight forwarders more control over AWB billing and settlements. The payment is processed during the standard end-of-day settlement schedule.

Payments can be made via CNS FlexiPay using ACH Debit or ACH Credit functionality. FlexiPay's prepayment model will enable freight forwarders to reduce the need for bank guarantees and permit airlines to adapt their administrative workload accordingly. With FlexiPay, a known challenge in air cargo payments will be solved, as in the past air cargo payments were often slowed down by manual processes that caused unpredictable cash flows, delays in payment and costly bilateral guarantees.

FlexiPay will be made available to all CNS Airline Members and CNS Endorsed Cargo Agents within CASSLink. For new participants, access becomes available once CNS Endorsement onboarding is completed.

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### [About Cargo Network Services \(CNS\)](#)

CNS operates solely in the United States of America, developing and distributing programs and services to all providers of air cargo operating in that market, along with supporting them in achieving their respective business strategies. CNS also aims to foster an environment of professionalism, innovation and mutual respect and understanding of each other's challenges across the air cargo value chain.

Founded in 1985, CNS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#) and has a matrix structure which is overseen by two Boards, a traditional Board of Directors as well as an Industry Advisory Board.

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