

New destinations and new projects for Alitalia Cargo -

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As of March 2006 Alitalia Cargo's fleet will be completed by the arrival of the fifth new MD11 Special Freighter.

The deployment of the 5 aircraft, together with the addition of new destinations, represents the core of the new network strategy which aims at a more flexible operative planning, increase of profitability and cost control.

The new all-cargo network foresees the strengthening of markets like India, China and North America (4 weekly flights to New York and two to Chicago), the strengthening of the key routes to Japan and Korea (through the usual partnerships with Nippon Cargo and Korean Air Cargo) and, as a new market opportunity, the scouting of emerging countries such as Africa and Middle East.

Consistently with such increase of capacity on high potential markets, last January 15th Alitalia Cargo launched a new Mid-Range Freighter service with the first circular rotation of an all-cargo aircraft towards African destinations.

The flight, operated with AB300F, after a first leg from Cairo to Verona, goes on to Tripoli, Lagos and Dakar to go back to Malpensa and then reach again Tripoli and Cairo, transporting general and perishable cargo (strawberries, French beans and pharmaceuticals), material for oil industry and for telephony.

In addition to the operation described above, Alitalia Cargo will carry out a second cargo operation, at the beginning of February, connecting once a week Malpensa to Istanbul and vice versa, with AB300F.

Alitalia Cargo is also planning another service which will open new traffics to the subequatorial area. The flight will be serving once a week Johannesburg and back, via Nairobi with wide-bodied aircraft (B74F-400 o M1F).

Confident in the success of these operations, Alitalia Cargo, is evaluating the possibility of employing its fleet mainly on those destinations which are most consistent with the technical characteristics (range and payload) of its aircraft.