

### **ETIHAD CARGO STARTS TWICE WEEKLY FLIGHT TO BRUSSELS AIRPORT**

Etihad Cargo has commenced a new twice weekly A330 freighter service to Brussels Airport in Belgium further strengthening the connectivity options and economic ties between Abu Dhabi and Brussels, and adding freighter capacity to its existing passenger service.

The airline already flies a daily passenger service to Brussels with its supporting bellyhold cargo, and the addition of the freighter underlines Belgium's importance to its European network.

David Kerr, Vice President of Etihad Cargo, said: "Brussels is an important route into Europe with the freight operation returning to full strength, so as part of our plans to expand further this year, we are pleased to begin operating in and out of the city.

"Brussels provides vital connections across Europe and is also a key connector into Africa so we know that it will be another important route on our global freighter network."

As a leading European gateway, Brussels Airport will further benefit Etihad Cargo's operations with its dedicated infrastructure for the transport and handling of products that require an unbroken cold chain, particularly pharmaceutical products and perishables.

Etihad Cargo launched its own specialised product for the pharmaceutical industry, TempCheck, in March 2015. Its service ensures that all temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical products including blood plasma, tablets, medicines and anaesthetics are transported in compliance with industry and regulatory guidelines.

TempCheck incorporates the latest equipment, processes and operating procedures to keep all pharmaceutical products within a temperature controlled environment at every stage of the journey. The programme is supervised by experienced Etihad Cargo teams and supporting ground handling staff.

## Media release



The new freighter connection for Etihad Cargo will provide seamless connectivity over the Abu Dhabi hub to 58 destinations in the carrier's global network and over 1000 weekly connections.

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### About Etihad Aviation Group

Etihad Aviation Group (EAG) is a diversified global aviation and travel group comprising four business divisions – Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, Etihad Engineering, Hala Group and Airline Equity Partners. The group has minority investments in seven airlines: airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Alitalia, Jet Airways, Virgin Australia, and Swiss-based Darwin Airline, trading as Etihad Regional.

From its Abu Dhabi base, Etihad Airways flies to, or has announced plans to serve, 117 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 122 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, with 204 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787s, 25 Boeing 777Xs, 62 Airbus A350s and 10 Airbus A380s. For more information, please visit: [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com)

### About Brussels Airport

Brussels Airport is one of the largest airports in Europe, handling 23.5 million passengers and 489,000 tonnes of freight annually. Brussels Airport links the European capital with 226 destinations worldwide that are served by 77 different airlines. (figures 2015). Brussels Airport caters for the specific needs of the business travellers, and also has the largest low-fare offer in Belgium.

Brussels Airport is the second most important centre of economic growth in Belgium providing direct and indirect employment for 60,000 people. Brussels Airport is operated by Brussels Airport Company. The shareholders are the Belgian State (25 percent) and a consortium of private investors (75 percent).

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