



MALPENSA CARGO TRAFFIC GROWS AND TAKES THIRD PLACE AMONG WORLD AIRPORTS

Malpensa, 17 April 2014 – According to a survey conducted among industry operators by one of the most prestigious magazines specialized in air cargo, which drew up a ranking of all world airports, Malpensa Cargo is third in its category (European airports handling between 300,000 and 999,000 tonnes of cargo/year). Malpensa is the only Italian airport in the top rankings, and has come out better than many of its competitors, which have always been considered stronger; with a score of 104 points, it beats London's Heathrow airport, Paris' C. De Gaulle and is close on the heels of Frankfurt. Malpensa also scores much better than large US airports such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami.

A score that takes into account 4 parameters: performance, quality, means/equipment and activities and which also records excellent ratings for Malpensa in the category comprising customs procedures.

A result confirmed by a successful Malpensa cargo trend which, since July 2013, has grown much faster than the European average, with +3.5% of cargo in 2013 compared to 2012 (the average growth of other European airports was +1.5%).

This trend was also confirmed in the first quarter of 2014. Compared to March 2013, March 2014 recorded +15% with 43,399 tonnes of transported cargo, while compared to the first quarter of 2013, that of 2014 notched up +10.6%: no other European airport is growing as fast.

The accolade received and the positive traffic trend reward the regular investments made by SEA in the cargo area since 2008, with the building of major infrastructural works (railway siding roof, urbanization of a 200 square metre area and extension of the cargo plane service area) and the planned building of 3 new warehouses directly overlooking the runways. These investments, totalling 100 million euro, will make it possible to double the airport's cargo capacity by 2018. The first of the new warehouses will be available in early 2016 and has already been assigned to two major cargo handling operators, the French-American company SFS WFS and the Italian company Beta Trans. The extension of the plane service area, already completed and operative, provides a facility able to accommodate up to 7 large planes such as the Boeing 747.400 or 13 smaller aircraft.

In 2013 and 2012, cargo traffic was mainly sustained by exports. 2014 on the other hand has shown a rise in imports, both semi-finished products and end consumer goods, a good sign for the Italian economy.

Behind this good result is also the introduction of new solutions such as the one-stop customs counter, a permanent feature at Malpensa and which has considerably speeded up cargo import times thanks to a single customs procedure.

A recent project involving the Lombardy Region, SEA, the association of air cargo agents and cargo handling companies will make Malpensa a cargo smart city by 2015. This consists of a single computer platform which will enable all operators to exchange information using a single system, thereby reducing margins of error and further upgrading service quality.