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NEW MEMBERS AND ANIMAL ATTENDANTS

ATA has no new members at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TIDBITS

World Customs Organization and TIACA agree to cooperate

The World Customs Organization (WCO) and The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve cooperation. TIACA wants more efficient Customs and border practices for air cargo shipments in order to facilitate trade and economic growth and to capitalize on air cargo's key competitive advantage of speed.

The WCO, an intergovernmental organization headquartered in Brussels, has agreed to attend relevant TIACA meetings to discuss its objectives and will provide technical committee responses to submissions from TIACA on specific air cargo Customs issues.

The WCO will also provide greater notice to TIACA of meetings or projects that could utilize the expertise and operational resources of TIACA members to advance common interests in compliance and facilitation. TIACA representatives will attend WCO meetings as observers and participate in relevant WCO working groups. TIACA secretary general Daniel Fernandez said: "The objective of this MoU is to ensure TIACA and the WCO confer, consult and co-operate on a continuous basis over and above attendance at formal meetings. We want to foster and encourage consultation and co-operation at national and regional levels with WCO member administrations to promote modernization at the Customs/trade operational interface and to explain the ways we can assist and promote WCO policies and objectives."

[Source: <http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

The Cargo Connection for Hellenic

General sales and service agent The Cargo Connection (TCC) is representing Greece's Hellenic Imperial Airways in South Africa.

Originally launched as a charter carrier in 2006, Hellenic was awarded designated scheduled carrier status from Greece to Johannesburg, Dubai, and Beirut in December 2009.

The airline operates twice-weekly B747 flights from Athens to Johannesburg and will add New York JFK and London Gatwick this month. Services to Paris, Casablanca, Beirut, Damascus, Dubai, Jeddah, Bangkok and Manila are planned.

TCC chairman Gerd von Mansberg said: "Hellenic enables us to expand our spread of destinations, providing valuable wide-body cargo capacity via a hub which is strategically convenient and highly viable. As Hellenic's network grows, so will its attraction to the South African market."

TCC, launched in 1993 and with offices in Johannesburg and Cape Town, now handles sales for seven airlines. TCC is part of the EGSAC network with 30 members in 33 countries.

[Source: <http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

NEWS

1. New Logistics Hub in Dubai

Move One, June 25, 2010

Dubai, UAE – June 25, 2010: Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai's newest airport, will officially open for cargo operations on June 27, 2010, with passenger flights due to commence by the end of March next year.

Al Maktoum is part of the Dubai World Central development project to promote the city as an international logistics hub. The initial phase of the airport's development will include a terminal for five million passengers and a freight center for 250,000 tonnes of cargo. However, upon final completion, the airport is poised to become the largest in the world with five runways and four terminals capable of handling 160 million passengers and 12 million tonnes of cargo per year.

With headquarters in Dubai, Move One had until now been primarily using Dubai and Sharjah International Airports as key terminals in support of numerous missions and customers throughout the Middle East and Central Asia. The opening of this new airport will increase Move One's logistics capabilities out of Dubai Industrial City and provide previously unavailable solutions to its global customer base.

[Source:<http://www.moveoneinc.com>]

2. Transporting livestock: when are animals fit to load?

Farm Weekly, June 29, 2010

IN THE increasingly complex world of transporting livestock, of licenses, permits, declarations and journey plans, there remains one constant: the responsibility to look after the safety and wellbeing of the animals in your care.

There are very specific legal requirements under animal welfare legislation for people working with livestock.

Each of the Australian states and territories has its own Act and regulations that deal with this area, but all are essentially similar.

In Western Australia the Animal Welfare Act 2002 states: "a person in charge of an animal is cruel to an animal if the animal is transported in a way that causes, or is likely to cause, it unnecessary harm."

"Unnecessary harm" includes injury, pain and distress.

The "person in charge" has a wide definition in the Act. It may be:

- the owner

- a person who has custody
- a person who has control
- a staff member of any of the above
- the owner or occupier of the place where the animal is
- the owner or occupier of the vehicle where the animal is.

If a person loads an animal that is unfit for transport, the farm owner, farm manager, farm staff, livestock agent and/or truck driver could be held responsible.

What animals should not be loaded?

Only transport animals that are strong and healthy. Do not load animals that are at risk of going down during the journey due to weakness or lameness, those that have existing conditions such as wounds or cancers that are likely to be aggravated during transport and those that cannot see.

Animals that are not fit to load need to be kept on farm and either treated or humanely destroyed.

Animals in late pregnancy are also not fit to load.

This includes sheep more than four months pregnant, cattle more than eight months pregnant and pigs over 80 days pregnant.

Exemptions to the rules

Under national and state codes of practice for transporting livestock, in special circumstances weak, sick or injured animals may be transported short distances under veterinary advice:

- for emergency humane slaughter if no alternative exists
- to a veterinary clinic or hospital for treatment
- after bushfires, provided transport will not result in more pain and suffering
- out of drought-affected areas.

However, to avoid placing themselves at risk of breaching animal welfare legislation, owners need to ensure they have veterinary advice before undertaking any of these journeys.

Export

Animals destined for export need to meet extra standards:

- sheep must be a minimum of 28 kilograms liveweight for export by sea, or 20kg for export by air
- cattle must be a minimum of 200kg liveweight
- weaned for at least 14 days before transport
- cannot be thin, or over-fat

- no pink eye
- can see out of both eyes
- no scabby mouth
- no long horns

The export buyer and/or agent will select the animals suitable to accept into the feedlot. Owners must not include rejected stock in the consignment or export owners may bill them for disposing of the animal.

Standards and guidelines

In 2009 the Primary Industries Ministerial Council endorsed the Australian Standards and Guidelines for the Welfare of Animals – Land Transport of Livestock. These nationally agreed standards and guidelines will replace provisions on land transport in the various model codes of practice that apply in Australia.

In this document, the 'standards' set out the minimum acceptable transport standards that must be met. They are intended to be written into each state and territory's legislation, giving consistency across Australia. Each standard can be considered as a 'must do'.

Guidelines will be the recommended level of practice for animal welfare but will not be legally enforced. Guidelines represent a higher level of welfare, and can be considered as a 'should do'.

The full document can be seen on the internet at <http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au>

Implications for farmers

With an increasing focus on welfare from the community and regulatory authorities, people transporting animals that are unfit to load are placing themselves at risk. Not only are they causing unnecessary suffering to their livestock, they:

- will come to the attention of inspectors who check animals arriving at saleyards, abattoirs and export feedlots
- will have animals rejected, which will result in no payment
- will be billed with the cost of destruction and disposal of an animal that requires it
- will get a reputation with buyers and exporters as a supplier of unsuitable stock.
- will damage the reputation of their industry

For more information, contact your local Department of Agriculture and Food veterinarian or visit the Meat and Livestock Australia website at www.mla.com.au

[Source: <http://www.fao.org>]

3. e-freight goes live in Austria

Air Cargo News, June 30, 2010

AUSTRIA is the latest country to implement the International Air Transport Association (IATA) e-freight programme. Led by Emirates SkyCargo and Lufthansa Cargo

at Vienna Airport also included DHL Global Forwarding, Kühne & Nagel, Schenker, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the local customs authorities.

e-freight eliminates the need to send 20 core paper documents with air cargo shipments, thus streamlining processes, improving speed and reliability and cutting costs.

This makes Austria the 28th country to introduce e-freight. IATA aims to have 44 countries using it by the end of this year, representing more than 80 per cent of global airfreight volumes.

[Source: <http://www.aircargonews.net>]

4. Agitated Horses in Cargo Hold Delay Saudi Flight

New York Times, June 30, 2010

CAIRO (AP) -- An Egyptian airport official says six Arabian horses owned by a Saudi Arabian prince became agitated in the cargo hold of a Saudi-bound plane, delaying take off for more than an hour.

The official said Wednesday an EgyptAir pilot was forced to turn the plane with 189 passengers around on the runway because a commotion erupted in the hold. The pilot deemed the horses a safety risk.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The pilot called for the airport vet, who tranquilized the horses. After an 80-minute delay, the plane bound for the Saudi Red Sea port city of Jiddah took off. The horses were asleep.

Unfortunately, no description of what type of stall or plane (which wd. indicate what type of stall was used -- open top or AirStable).

[Source:<http://www.nytimes.com/>]

5. Family dog caught after airport escape

Calgary Herald, July 1, 2010

She spent two days lost at the busy Calgary International Airport and took a bath in a de-icing pond but now 10-month-old Ayumi is on her way home.

The Shiba Inu puppy got loose Monday night on a tarmac after the two halves of her kennel split apart while it was being unloaded from a plane.

The purebred, which weighs about seven kilograms, led ground crew on a chase for several hours before the search was called off on account of darkness.

The dog's owner, Margaret Yee, who saw the escape unfold, was "very, very relieved" Wednesday to learn of Ayumi's capture.

"She's our fur baby," said the 27-year-old Yee, a Hamilton, Ont., bookkeeper who is set to be married Saturday in Kerrobert, Sask. She and her fiance flew into

Calgary on a WestJet flight from Hamilton and had a one-hour layover before connecting to Saskatoon.

Yee watched from inside the terminal at around 9 p.m. as a baggage handler lifted the kennel by its handle off a conveyor belt and placed it into a baggage cart. Moments later, she saw Ayumi hit the ground running, with ground crew in pursuit.

"I felt very helpless having to stand there and look out the windows, watching them get further and further away from the terminal trying to chase her," Yee recalled.

Staff from the airport and the airline spent the next two days looking for the dog, and were rewarded for their efforts Wednesday around 5:15 p.m. when an airport employee spotted Ayumi near the terminal building. WestJet spokesman Robert Palmer said the staff then formed "a posse" with seven trucks and cornered the dog at a security fence about 45 minutes later.

Palmer said Ayumi appeared scared, tired and hungry, and was favouring one of her hind legs, but was otherwise in good shape. However, it appears the dog took a dip in a pond at the airport that holds recycled deicing fluid, so WestJet booked a checkup with a vet at the airline's expense.

It's still unclear what caused the dog's kennel to separate in the first place. Yee said the plastic carrier was "fairly new," and that it appeared to "wiggle" under the dog's weight when it was lifted off the conveyor belt used to unload the plane.

Palmer suspects either the kennel's latches were defective, or that a piece of luggage shifted during the flight and somehow unlocked the latches.

Calgary veterinarian Danny Joffe said the incident highlights the need for pet owners to carefully inspect and test their animals' kennels before putting them on a plane, and to spend whatever is necessary to get a quality product.

"Like most things, in a lot of instances, you get what you pay for," said Joffe, medical director at C.A.R.E. Centre Animal Hospital. "If the plastic looks weak and easily bends, or the metal isn't a high gauge, then I would certainly pay a little more to get one that's secure."

WestJet plans to heed the vet's advice as it made preparations to fly Ayumi back to Saskatoon to be reunited with her owners.

"We're just looking for a kennel she won't freak out in," said Palmer.

Palmer recalled just two incidents in his two years with WestJet where customers' pets, both cats, ran away at airports after their carriers broke. One in Winnipeg disappeared for good, while the other, which escaped in Toronto, was eventually corralled.

[Source: <http://www.calgaryherald.com>]

6. Delta Sells Regional Carriers to Focus on Main Routes ATA Smart Brief, July 1, 2010

July 1 (Bloomberg) -- Delta Air Lines Inc. agreed to sell its Mesaba and Compass regional carriers to Pinnacle Airlines Corp. and Trans States Holdings Inc. to reduce operating costs and focus on its main jet routes.

Delta, the world's biggest carrier, will sell Mesaba for \$62 million and Compass for \$20.5 million. Both airlines will continue to ferry passengers from smaller cities to Delta hubs under the Delta Connection name, Atlanta-based Delta said today in a statement.

The sales come three weeks after American Airlines parent AMR Corp. said it was studying the divestiture of the American Eagle regional unit. Such moves increase competition among regional carriers, giving the larger airlines lower-cost options to bring commuters to their hubs.

"While the dollar amounts are not material to Delta, we think over the long term, this will allow Delta to continue to get cost reductions out of its regional airline operations," Jim Corridore, a Standard & Poor's equity analyst in New York, said in a note today. "Delta will eventually pressure these and its other regional operators for better contract terms with lower rates."

Regional Partners

Major U.S. carriers began shedding regional partners as long ago as 2002, when Continental Airlines Inc. spun off ExpressJet Holdings Inc. and later sold its remaining stake. Pinnacle separated from Northwest Airlines Corp. with an initial public sale of shares in 2003. Northwest was acquired by Delta in 2008.

Delta wants "to focus on their mainline business and views this as a distraction," Jeff Straebler, a fixed-income strategist at RBS Securities Inc., said in an interview. "They are looking to reduce their regional flying overall."

Mesaba and Compass will retain their headquarters in Minneapolis-St. Paul and will function as wholly owned units of Pinnacle and Trans States, Delta said. No changes in flight schedules or cities served are expected, the carrier said.

Pinnacle, based in Memphis, Tennessee, has a fleet of 202 regional jets and 80 turboprop aircraft, and its Colgan Air subsidiary flies for Continental, UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and US Airways Group Inc.

Flight Agreements

Under the purchase agreement, Mesaba will operate 76-seat Bombardier CRJ-900s for Delta for 12 years and will continue to sublease its fleet of 57 CRJ-900s from Delta. Pinnacle also agreed to fly Saab 340B aircraft for Delta until they are removed from use in late 2011. Pinnacle's current Delta Connection agreement runs through 2017.

Trans States, based in Bridgeton, Missouri, operates flights for airlines including United and US Airways. As part of the purchase, Compass signed a 10-year contract to continue flying for Delta.

Delta fell 36 cents, or 3.1 percent, to \$11.39 at 11:02 a.m. in New York Stock Exchange composite trading. The shares climbed 3.3 percent this year before today.

[Source:<http://www.businessweek.com>]

7. Jordan lions find new home

Air Cargo World, July 2, 2010

Aramex has shipped two lions and three hyenas from Amman, Jordan to the Lionsrock Big Cat Sanctuary in South Africa.

This is Aramex's second lion delivery to Lionsrock this year and was organized on behalf of the Princess Alia Foundation.

Acknowledging the logistics support, the foundation said: "Our gratitude goes to Aramex who helped to arrange the transfer and sponsored the flight of these animals from Jordan to South Africa. Without their generosity, support and heart we would not have seen this happy ending."

- Aramex has become the first company in the Middle East to implement solar solutions with the installation of solar-powered lights at its facilities in Jebel Ali, Dubai. The project is expected to save an equivalent of three million watts of power and reduce carbon emissions by 26 tonnes annually. Raji Hattar, Aramex's chief sustainability compliance officer, said: "We have partnered with PTL Solar in this project as we were particularly seeking solar lighting solutions that are completely integrated, self-contained, waterproof and compact."

[Source: <http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

Calendar of Events . . .

Conference Name	Conference Dates	Location	Contact Information
Association of Zoo & Aquariums	September 11-16, 2010	Houston, TX USA	http://www.aza.org/annualconference/
European Association of Zoo & Aquariums	September 22-25, 2010	Verona, Italy	http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx
The Zoological Registrars Association 2010 Annual Conference	September 29- October 3, 2010	Alberta, Canada	http://www.zooregistrars.org
IPATA Conference	October 16-19, 2010	Montreal, QC, Canada	http://www.ipata.com/
HAZ-MAT and Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training	October 21 - 24, 2010	Navasota, Texas	http://www.bveh.com/TLAER/TLAER_Introduction.html

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