



Chapman Freeborn wins top cargo charter broker award for second year running!

Chapman Freeborn has scooped the Air Cargo Week award for Air Cargo Charter Broker of the Year for the second year running!

Voted for by worldwide freight forwarders and logistics providers, the award follows a year in which we coordinated over 3,400 separate cargo charters.

The accolade was received at a gala dinner at the Air Cargo China event in Shanghai, on Wednesday 18 June 2008.

George Mikhailov from our Beijing office collected the award on behalf of the whole group.

Thanking the many clients that voted for Chapman Freeborn, Mikhailov said:

“We are extremely proud to know that after 35 years we are still finding



our clients the right air charter solutions, at the right price.

“My colleagues around the world share a tremendous sense of pride in this achievement.”

Having previously landed the 2007 award in Europe, we were pleased to receive this year’s honour in China,

as the Far East is another of our key markets.

We were the first of the large charter brokers to establish a presence in the Far East, and the full 36 office network stretches from the Americas and Europe to the Middle East and Asia.

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Heavy lift to light up Afghan capital

Chapman Freeborn India has coordinated the air transportation of three mega transformers from Delhi to Kabul, as part of the high-profile project to provide electricity to the Afghan capital’s three million inhabitants.

The operation involved AN-124 aircraft, and represents one of the heaviest cargo lifts ever undertaken at Delhi (DEL).

The movement of the three 64 tonne 40-MVA transformers was arranged on behalf of Agility Logistics.

Our Delhi office provided three AN-124 charters and were present to oversee the loading of the pieces.

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The scale of the task at hand required special clearances to be made at Kabul Airport (KBL), where parking and handling capabilities for a cargo movement of this size is limited.



CF's air charter solution was preferred over sea and land routes to avoid delays and to minimise the risk of the cargo becoming a possible target for militants.

The World Bank and a number of international governments have undertaken the task of bringing electricity to Afghanistan.

The transformers will form part of an Indian led sub-station project in Kabul, built to replace an inefficient diesel generator system.

Fans avoid scrum for scheduled flights

Rugby-loving Toulouse fans and sponsors successfully avoided the scrum for scheduled flights by chartering private aircraft to see their team take on Munster in the 2008 Heineken Cup Final.

CF France arranged aircraft for hundreds of the French supporters who descended on Cardiff to roar their team on.

With Cardiff and Bristol airports experiencing extremely high-volumes of traffic for the final, our Paris office was called in to use its expertise in coordinating flights to sporting events.

Two 186-seat Boeing 737 and two 220-seat Boeing 757 charters were arranged, with additional insurance guarantees offered in the unlikely event the flights were not possible due to traffic.



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In one lease arrangement CF supplied a Fokker 100 aircraft to Adria Airways of Slovenia.

As a regional partner of Star Alliance, Adria required an IOSA certified carrier to cover shortfall on its scheduled and charter routes.

In a limited marketplace we provided the solution with a 100-seater Fokker 100 aircraft, sourced within budget from Carpatair of Romania.

Elsewhere, we currently have two B767's on long-term dry lease and five other aircraft on long-term wet lease.

In response to increased demand our specialist team has been further strengthened with the welcome arrival of Helen Matthews to the London office.

Helen has already worked on several operations since her arrival, including a last minute sub-charter of a B757-200 for a flight from Amsterdam to Natal, Brazil.

Amsterdam based ArkeFly, the Dutch arm of TUI, contacted CF in the early hours of June 2nd with an urgent requirement to cover a flight for 200 passengers later the same day.

Within one hour we had secured availability and pricing on a

EuroAtlantic Airways B757-200 (pictured below), and the flight was confirmed by ArkeFly shortly after.

The aircraft was repositioned from Lisbon and successfully departed Amsterdam on schedule at 1955 local.

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Chapman Freeborn France celebrates 20th anniversary!

Chapman Freeborn is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its operations in France!

Since opening in 1988, the business has grown into one of the foremost air charter and aviation support specialists in the country, with offices in Paris and Marseille working in both cargo and passenger markets.

The anniversary was celebrated in style with a company weekend in Marseille, where the French team was joined by more than 150 colleagues from our global network.

Alongside a formal conference, the group enjoyed team-building activities including a boat trip and an 'urban safari' in Le Panier, the oldest part of Marseille situated beside the Vieux Port.

Chapman Freeborn launched in France in May 1988, with just two employees and a small office at



Above: The Chapman Freeborn weekend in Marseille

Paris Orly Airport (ORY), focussing solely on cargo charter operations.

However, in 20 years the company has grown to serve a worldwide client base, and has successfully branched out into other market areas such as large passenger group movements and executive charters.

In 1991 Chapman Freeborn France relocated to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG), and a decade later the team moved into their own purpose-built office next to the main freight area.

In 1995 a further office was opened at Marseille Airport (MRS) to cope with growing demand.

Yannis Gerault, Chapman Freeborn France's general manager said:

"It's a wonderful achievement to reach 20 years in France, and I am certain our business will continue to go from strength to strength.

"We have an extremely strong relationship with our clients and in the future we'll continue to build upon this."

New US visa requirements to be introduced

Passengers travelling to the USA from countries whose citizens do not need visas will now be required to register online with the US government at least 72 hours before departure, as part of tight new security measures.

The new rules should not complicate last-minute private charter travel, as long as clients are well prepared. Although registration will be required 72 hours in advance, it will be valid for multiple entries over a two-year period.

The measure applies to citizens of the 27 visa-waiver programme countries, which includes UK and most of western Europe, as well as Japan, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, Brunei, Japan, and New Zealand.

Passengers will be able to register from this August, and the rule will become mandatory in January 2009. Registration will be possible through travel agents, airline websites or through the US government website.

VIP and executive clients with short notice travel requirements are welcome to contact us for further information.



Chapman Freeborn transports aid for disasters in Burma and China

Chapman Freeborn's global network has been heavily involved with the effort to get emergency aid supplies to the thousands affected by separate disasters in Burma and China.

In response to the cyclone in Burma we have overseen the movement of more than 1,500 tonnes of relief cargo on behalf of international agencies including the United Nations, ICRC, and various other Red Cross agencies and NGOs.

The first American aid flights to the region were also among those arranged by our cargo team following protracted negotiations between the US Government and their Burmese counterparts.

On behalf of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) we coordinated the movement of over 250 tonnes of cargo on B747 and MD-11 aircraft from the Middle East



and Europe to Utapao, Thailand.

The loads comprised of Zodiac boats, plastic sheeting, jerry cans, hygiene kits, water bladder distribution kits and water treatment units.

From Utapao the cargo was broken down and flown into Burma by the US Military on Hercules C-130 aircraft.

For other aid agencies we utilised AN-12, DC-8, A-300 and IL-76 aircraft for flights directly into Rangoon from Europe, the Middle and Far East.

In the separate aid effort which followed a major earthquake in China, we coordinated the movement of over 600 tonnes of relief cargo destined for Sichuan province.

Our worldwide offices arranged charters for international agencies on IL-76, MD-11 and B747 freighters.

Chapman Freeborn has provided cargo or passenger aircraft for almost every major emergency airlift in the last 30 years.



Chapman Freeborn coordinates largest ever horse flight from Maastricht

Chapman Freeborn recently arranged a B747-200F to transport 73 show jumping horses from the Netherlands to a major showcase event in Doha, Qatar.

The horses, valued at €320 million, made the return trip to Doha from Maastricht Aachen Airport, for whom the operation represented the single biggest movement of horses they have done to date. It is believed to be one of the largest flights of show jumping horses ever carried out worldwide.

We received the request from Qatar Airways, which had been tasked with ensuring the safe transportation of the horses for the Global Champions Tour, a worldwide event organised by the Federation Equestre Internationale.

Lesley Cripps and Niels Boelens provided a B747-200F aircraft for the return flight, with an adapted configuration so the horses could be accompanied by a team of 13 grooms and a vet, to further ensure their safety and well-being during the flight.

Our team were on hand to fully oversee the loading of the aircraft in Maastricht, where the horses were placed into secure stalls, before being carefully eased onto the aircraft.



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