



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **QATAR AIRWAYS CARGO IMPLEMENTS AUTOMATED WEIGHT AND BALANCE SYSTEM**

***State-of-the-art freighter load control centre increases pallet space efficiency***

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**DOHA, Qatar** – Qatar Airways Cargo recently launched a state-of-the-art Freight Load Control Centre at its hub in Doha. The new system will be an integral part of effective pallet loading procedures for all of the airline's freighters.

Qatar Airways Cargo Chief Officer Cargo, Mr. Ulrich Ogiermann, said: "Automation and technology is seen as a highly strategic enabler for any business. Qatar Airways Cargo is proud to be the first Middle Eastern carrier to launch our Freight Load Control Centre at our hub in Doha and to introduce the automated weight and balance system for freighter aircraft. In addition to the numerous benefits this brings to customers and the business, the reduction in fuel consumption will also further reduce carbon emissions as part of our commitment to environmental management."

For Qatar Airways Cargo customers, the implementation of Freight Load Control Centre contributes to a better utilisation of cargo volume and weight capacity on the aircraft. The cargo carrier is able to provide specialised support on oversized and special product shipments, thus providing its customers with more cargo space, greater efficiency and quality.

Automating the weight and balance system will simplify the conventional manual process by reducing the time required to set-up the load-sheet prior to flight departure. The system reduces time for load planning and weight check processes, allowing the cargo carrier to manage operational and flight turnarounds as well as maintaining its excellent existing levels of on-time performance. Supported by accurate data from the system, the cargo carrier is now able to optimise payload and minimise the lateral imbalance of each aircraft, resulting in a significant reduction of fuel consumption.

In April this year, Qatar Airways Cargo launched its first mobile app QR Cargo to provide ease and convenience to its global customers, enabling instant access to important information at their fingertips. The mobile app is linked to Qatar Airways Cargo in-house Cargo Reservations, Operations, Accounting and Management Information System (CROAMIS), which provides real-time data and updates for each logistic milestone achieved, direct to its customers.

The world's third largest cargo carrier recently took delivery of its 10th Boeing 777F, taking the total count of freighters in operation to 20 and introduced weekly freighter services to New York and Halifax from Luxembourg, its new European hub, adding to its rapidly growing network of 54 dedicated cargo routes.

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**About Qatar Airways Cargo:**

Qatar Airways Cargo, the world's third largest international cargo carrier, serves more than 50 exclusive freighter destinations worldwide via its world-class Doha hub and also delivers freight to more than 150 key business and leisure destinations globally with 190 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet now includes eight Airbus A330 freighters, 10 Boeing 777 freighters and two Boeing 747 freighters. The cargo carrier recently won the prestigious All-Cargo Carrier at the 33rd Cargo Airline of The Year awards event and the International Award for Excellence in Air Cargo at the Air Cargo India 2016 exhibition and conference.

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