

## New Non-Stop Flight Speeds Shipments From U.S. To The Middle East

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"The UAE trades with all 50 U.S. states and has grown to become the U.S.'s largest export destination in the Middle East. Dubai's importance as a global trade hub increases every day – and we're now getting there a day faster from North and South America with our small package express carrier and cargo offerings," said Jim Barber, President, UPS International. "Growth potential is great for companies accessing the UAE and other rapidly developing industrial and commercial sectors in the region. Our new flight is another example of how UPS's smart global logistics network, which carries three percent of the world's GDP every day, constantly evolves to service increasing international trade demands."

At approximately 7,700 miles (12,400 km), the route is the longest regularly-scheduled flight UPS has ever operated, and is made

possible by the new 747-8s, which offer greater payload over long range. The new flight is currently operating on a weekly basis and will become a daily flight on February 27th, operating Tuesday through Saturday. The new flight is part of plans to expand UPS's presence in Dubai, the headquarters of UPS's Indian Subcontinent Middle East & Africa (ISMEA) region, by establishing capacity, technology and staff capabilities to serve customers shipping to and through Dubai in the buildup to Expo 2020 and beyond. UPS has been operating in the region since 1989.

"Our customers are demanding more capacity, and we're providing it with this non-stop connection to Dubai," said UPS Airlines President, Brendan Canavan. "UPS has made a strategic investment in 747-8 jumbo jets, the largest aircraft we have ever flown, to offer sustainable lift on long-range international routes like this."

The Louisville-Dubai flight leg is part of an "around-the-world" flight route that begins and ends at UPS Worldport in Louisville, KY. For the volume from North and South America that passes through Worldport, there is a full day time-in-transit improvement to Dubai. After arriving in Dubai, new package and freight volume is loaded onboard the aircraft before it departs for Shenzhen, China,

home to UPS' largest facility in Asia. U.S.-bound volume is then loaded in Shenzhen and the aircraft returns to Worldport via Anchorage, AK. With the addition of this new flight, the volume

capacity on UPS's current Cologne to Dubai flight increases to better serve the needs of customers connecting Europe to the Indian Subcontinent, Middle East and Africa.

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