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Dear Garvan,

Welcome to the first edition of Irish Freight & Logistics Monthly for 2007.

You have been included within our mailing list because we consider you to be a valuable contributor to the industry.

We are aware of the communities need for an electronic platform for company announcements and press releases. We invite you to forward details to us for consideration in the next edition.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and will strive to enhance it, so please send any feedback and suggestions to editor@logiskills.ie

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• Ireland sees inbound air freight soar by 44%



Airfreight into Ireland jumped by 43.7% between 2004 – 2005, the latest EU statistics show as reported recently in the Irish Independent. The increase is outstripped in proportion to only by the new Europeans – either new EU

members or candidate countries – such as Estonia (up 94.9%), Latvia (up 85.3%), Lithuania (up 84.8%) and Croatia (up 82.3%).

Ireland's growth far out-performed the 3.5% average rise for the former 25 EU countries.

The 89,000 tonnes of air freight coming into Ireland – although a dramatic increase – was not enough to register it in the top twenty European air freight handlers.

Frankfurt heads the list, handling 1.0 tonnes of air

Kingdom, 24/04/2007

World Mail & Express
Europe, United Kingdom,
21/05/2007

SIL 2007 International
Logistics & Material
Handling Exhibition,
Spain, 05/06/2007

UK Express Delivery
Conference, United
Kingdom, 03/07/2007

Scottish Transport
Conference 2007, United
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handlers.

Frankfurt heads the list, handling 1.9 tonnes of air freight (+6.7%), with Athens in 20th place handling 101,000 tonnes (-3.2%).

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• HGV Management Strategy



The HGV Management Strategy will come into operation on the 19th of February, 2007.

This strategy prohibits 5+ axle vehicles from travelling within a cordon area of the city from 07.00- 19.00 Monday to Sunday.

It is recognised that it is not possible to completely ban all 5+ axle vehicles from day one and that industry needs time to change their delivery vehicles and their methods of operation. It is also recognised that a number of these vehicles will still need access to the cordon area during the cordon hours.

To meet such access needs, HGV cordon permits will be issued to allow a 5+axle vehicle to be within the cordon area on designated roads to make load/unloading stops at listed premises.

These permits will be available online via the Dublin City Council web site from 13th February, 2007.

Commercial organisations operating inside the cordon and wish to continue to receive deliveries using 5+ axles vehicles should register their premises online via the Dublin City Council web site. This "Premises Registration System" will be available from 2nd April, 2007 onwards.

When registering it is required to submit a mitigation

plan for each premises showing how the number of deliveries using 5+axle vehicle will be substantially reduced or eliminated and the time scale to achieve this.

• **Logistics XP**



Is it getting tougher to get your product from A to B? Challenges such as driver shortages, congestion charging, the working time directive and proposed environmental taxes will increase the cost of distributing your product even further over the next few years. This means finding smarter ways of working to ensure your company's long term survival.

A new initiative to cut costs has been put in place by InterTradeIreland in partnership with Enterprise Ireland and the Food Strategy Implementation Partnership. It is expected that LogisticsXP will help each participating company to save between 5-10% on transport costs.

Your company may be able to benefit from the funding which is now available to SMEs and which covers upto 50% of the cost of participation on the programme. The programme is now recruiting companies until June 2008. For further information please contact Barbara Anderson on +44 (0)28 3888 2619 Mobile: +44 (0)7799 346694 or email: Barbara.anderson2@btinternet.com

• **AEP II – Free Briefing Session**



The new Revenue system for the processing of Customs Declarations - AEP II, is on track for release on 1st April 2007. This will impact on everyone involved in Customs clearance in Ireland and they need to ensure that they are ready for the changes. Icarus is running some FREE briefing sessions to help traders understand the changes in the new SAD and be prepared for the future challenges it will bring.

The briefing sessions are being held as follows:

- Cork - Tues 6th Feb
- Shannon - Wed 7th Feb
- Dublin - Thur 8th Feb

There are a limited number of places still available and anyone interested in attending should contact Icarus on 01-8428255 or email info@icarus.ie (stating preferred

briefing location, number of attendees and Company name).

- **MSC Add Additional Sailing for Turkey**



MSC MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY (MSC), has announced that it has introduced a 3rd sailing per week from Antwerp to Turkey.

This new service will be served by 3x 1733 teu vessels calling Antwerp, Gemlik and Izmir, with a transit time of 10 and 13 days respectively.

Relay services are also provided to Libya and the Black Sea.

The Import/Export cargo to/from Ireland is shipped on MSC's dedicated sailings between DUBLIN/CORK/BELFAST and their transshipment hub at Antwerp.

This extra sailing complements MSC's existing services to Greece/Turkey, which call at Istanbul, Gemlik, Izmir, Piraeus, and Thessaloniki.

- **AA push on Ireland-Mexico business**



IAM, Ireland's largest cargo GSSA, is staging a new drive for traffic to Mexico, following the recent signing of an interline agreement between its principal American Airlines (AA) and freighter operator Aerounion.

The interline agreement means AA can now offer capacity to both Mexico City and Guadalajara on its daily wide-body services from Dublin and Shannon, connecting with the twice-daily A300 freighters in Los Angeles.

The new services overcome previously limited capacity out of Los Angeles, and enable AA to compete for Mexico shipments with European carriers who have to truck eastwards back to their hubs, before flying west.

Says IAM's MD Ian McCool: "We have not pushed for Mexico business in the past, because of the risk of backlogs and offloads. AA has an excellent reputation which we do not want to compromise, by accepting business we cannot handle."

“But the gloves are off now: with this new freighter connection, we can accept large shipments, regular volume traffic and large pieces with total confidence.”

The new Mexico services are being promoted to Irish freight agents with special introductory rates.

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