

Cargonaut and Traxon Europe join forces and launch eCargo Pouch®

The two cargo community system providers Cargonaut International B. V. based at Amsterdam airport and Traxon Europe based in Frankfurt (Germany) have signed a cooperation agreement which took effect at the beginning of this year. Jointly they launched the web based central document and message management system eCargo Pouch on January 19th. The new product is designed to fully support the IATA e-freight initiative.

Frankfurt/Main, January 19, 2010 – At the end of 2009 Felix Keck, Managing Director of Traxon Europe, and Arno Hoitink, Managing Director of Cargonaut, formally signed a cooperation agreement in Frankfurt (Germany) which took effect with the beginning of this year. “We are pooling our resources to speed up new e-freight product developments. In addition, we try to stay abreast with changes in our industry such as new demand in the areas of security, e-freight or environment and pressure on costs. Together we are much stronger”, explained a proud Felix Keck.

“Both our companies have the same goals - to provide a top class service to the airfreight industry and to be innovation leaders in this market. I am convinced that together we can more effectively develop and bring to market new e-freight products that accelerate productivity and performance of our customers. Economies of scale are also important in our industry”, said Arno Hoitink.

In the new cooperation both companies will continue to service their existing as well as potential new clients according to the principle “one face to the customer”.

New solution eCargo Pouch®

eCargo Pouch®, a central document and message management system, enables creation, archiving and viewing of virtual document pouches which are comparable to the paper pouches that accompany air cargo shipments. Freight forwarders can now file trade and air transport documents, e.g. commercial invoices, certificates of origin, packing lists, air waybills or house air waybills electronically with eCargo Pouch®. The documents are then available in real time via internet to all authorized partners of the supply chain. These parties can be company subsidiaries, representative offices, partner companies in the country of destination, airlines, cargo handling agents, etc. Also

Customs organizations strongly benefit from eCargo Pouch®. If needed all documents can be printed out locally, hence negating the need to express dispatch the documents in question.

In addition, the eCargo Pouch® system includes an archiving module. This is of great importance as a significant number of countries require legal archiving of trade and transport documents for many years. The archiving module also meets the demands of the e-AWB initiative of the IATA e-freight program.

“We have made sure that the system is as “user friendly” as possible and will not require extensive training. Forwarders and their partners do not have to invest in any additional hard- or software as eCargo Pouch® functions independently of the company’s own IT systems. Fundamentally all companies in the airfreight industry strive for paperless processes in order to save costs. eCargo Pouch® integrates with already existing processes and thus makes the implementation of e-freight much easier”, explained Arno Hoitink.

“eCargo Pouch® has considerable environmental benefits, issues that are very close to all our heart. When we reduce our use of paper we support the environment. The system not only stops wastage of precious resources it will also help forwarders and airlines reduce their carbon footprint”, said Felix Keck.

For further information about eCargo Pouch®, visit the website at www.ecargopouch.com.

Company portraits

Cargonaut B.V. is a dynamic and innovative IT provider at Schiphol Airport. Its goal is to create supply chain solutions for clients by means of electronic information exchanges between airline companies, forwarding agents, ground handlers, truckers and shippers, as well as customs and other government institutions. The company has initiated and runs the Cargo Community System Schiphol. Cargonaut supports logistics processes with products and services, including software and consultancy, for over 20 years.

For further information about Cargonaut, visit the website at www.cargonaut.nl.

TRAXON Europe was founded in 1991 with headquarters in Frankfurt am Main. It is the world’s leading provider of innovative value-added services to the airfreight industry in the field of e-communications and automation. The global network of TRAXON Europe links more than 9,000 forwarding offices with ca. 90 international airlines. This comprises about 95 percent of IATA-registered global airfreight capacity. TRAXON Europe works in close cooperation with its customers to find innovative solutions and anticipate their needs. Part of the company’s philosophy is to provide success-oriented companies with value-added services, enabling them to boost their efficiency. TRAXON customers can then in turn offer improved and

more cost-efficient services to their own clients. The company's turnover has steadily risen in recent years to around EUR 10 million in 2008. About 148 million messages were transmitted that same year. For further information about TRAXON Europe, visit the website at www.traxon.com.

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Signing the cooperation agreement
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