

Cargo Newsletter

June 2008

Welcome to the June edition of the EMA Cargo Newsletter, in which we will be looking at the performance of East Midlands Airport's cargo business during May.

May 2008 was another month of consolidation within the air cargo industry, with EMA feeling the effects of this trend along with many other major cargo hubs and airlines reporting drops in tonnage, and IATA reducing their expected growth rates of the air cargo industry. EMA handled 24,739 tonnes (including belly freight) of carried cargo in May 2008, 4% below 2007's figure of 25976 which has dropped us below last year's running total.

EMA performance:

Monthly Cargo Throughput (Last 12 months)

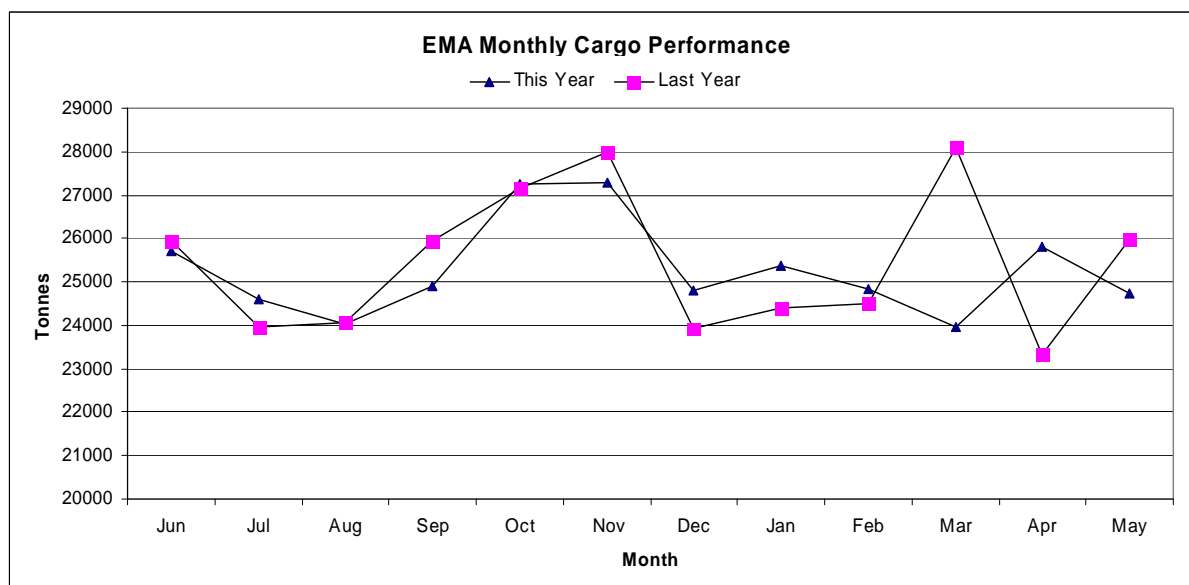
	This Year	Last Year	Growth
Jun '07	25,717	25,938	5.10%
Jul '07	24,597	23,976	-0.85%
Aug '07	24,035	24,057	2.59%
Sep '07	24,917	25,939	-0.09%
Oct '07	27,237	27,158	-3.94%
Nov '07	27,300	27,997	0.29%
Dec '07	24,817	23,920	-2.49%
Jan '08	25,363	24,399	3.75%
Feb '08	24,850	24,506	3.95%
Mar '08	23,978	28,094	-14.65%
Apr '08	25,796	23,311	10.66%
May '08	24,739	25,990	-4.81%
Total	303,345	305,285	-0.64%

May '08 Imports/Exports by country

Imports (Tonnes)		Exports (Tonnes)	
3434	Germany	2675	Germany
2121	USA	2264	USA
1201	Belgium	838	Ireland
628	Italy	777	Belgium
605	France	538	Spain
405	Ireland	354	Denmark
398	Iceland	342	Italy
365	Spain	339	Sweden
272	Denmark	311	France
165	Sweden	65	Kazakhstan

Belgium continues to be affected by the opening of DHL's new main European hub in Leipzig, with a combined tonnage now below 2,000 tonnes, while we are now seeing over 6,000 tonnes flown between the UK and Germany.

The recent adverse trend against last year continues as we approach what could be considered to be the quieter time of year in the cargo industry:



Total Pure Freight and Pure Mail (May 2008):

	Movements	Freight (Tonnes)	%	Mail (Tonnes)	%	Cargo (Tonnes)	%
Arrivals	934	11,063	50.88	1,122	57.61	12,185	49.96
Departures	944	10,681	49.12	1,525	42.39	12,206	50.04
Total	1,878	21,744	100	2,647	100	24,391	100

A slight reduction in movements can be seen this month, however the inbound / outbound tonnes carried split remains reasonably static, interesting considering the weakening value of the GB£ against the Euro.

Mail origin / destination performance (May 2008):

To EMA (Tonnes)		From EMA (Tonnes)	
372	Edinburgh	484	Edinburgh
281	Belfast	414	Belfast
132	Bournemouth	189	Bournemouth
126	Exeter	159	Exeter
97	Newcastle	123	Isle of Man
65	Isle of Man	112	Newcastle
25	Aberdeen	44	Aberdeen
13	Stansted		
11	Bristol		

May saw two extra origin airports for Royal Mail and EMA, with BAe146's diverting from Bristol and Stansted airports which were both affected by fog. Otherwise Royal Mail's operation remained consistent throughout the month with a rolling 12 month throughput now approaching 30,500 tonnes. This is the second consecutive month now that Royal Mail has seen double digit growth with load factors on all flights getting stronger and stronger.

Cargo and Passenger Business Development:

Ryanair have gone on sale with their winter program which includes the new routes of Grenoble (1 per week), Faro (3 per week), Fuerteventura (3 per week), Prague (4 per week) and increased frequency to Malaga (up to 4 from 2) and Tenerife (up to 2 from 1).

China Aid Flight – World Airways

EMA provided further assistance to aid flights destined for Asia in May, this time destined to aid those affected by the Earthquake in China that devastated millions of homes. The MD11F operated by Etihad Crystal Cargo flew 15 tonnes of aid equipment to China, stopping off at Abu Dhabi en route to collect more equipment destined for the stricken regions. Again, EMA waived all landing and parking fees as a gesture to assist in ensuring the emergency aid equipment gets to its destination as quickly as possible with as little cost as possible to the charities helping those affected.

EMA Cargo Newsletter to be published bi-monthly from July

In order to provide a more informative newsletter, we have decided that the EMA Cargo Newsletter will become a bi-monthly publication; however should there be any news of particular significance to the EMA Cargo Community we will issue an update accordingly.