

FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF ALITALIA AND LUFTANSA, BRITISH AIRWAYS BEGINS AIR/SURFACE CARGO OPERATIONS BASED OUT OF THE INTERPORTO CAMPANO AIR CARGO TERMINAL IN NOLA

In keeping with European Union recommendations aimed at developing an integrated infrastructure network within the common market in order to foster economic relations and territorial cohesion, the Naples International Airport and Interporto Campano have forged a strategic alliance which is attracting internationally renowned air carriers into its orbit.

Yet another major international air carrier has chosen the Interporto Air Cargo Terminal in Nola for cargo consolidation from southern Italy bound for intercontinental destinations. The area logistic platform created by the combined efforts of the Naples Airport and Interporto in Nola as well as the strategy aimed at attracting cargo traffic from Southern Italy have proven to be successful.

In addition to Lufthansa and Alitalia, as of early June, the Airport and Interporto are also handling air/surface cargo traffic for British Airways. At present, the new air cargo terminal, open from Monday to Saturday, and operated by the airport in conjunction with Interporto Campano, handles air/surface cargo traffic on behalf of Alitalia (for Malpensa in Milan), British Airways and Lufthansa (for Fiumicino in Rome).

The Air Cargo Terminal, operated by Gesac in cooperation with IATA carriers, has been operative since 1 March 2000. The purpose of the centre is to handle incoming and outgoing intercontinental cargo to and from the hubs of Fiumicino or Malpensa.

In 1999, the Airport handled 4,187 tons of cargo and the new combined activity with Interporto should increase annual capacity by an additional 4,000 tons of cargo.

The Naples International Airport – Nola Interporto Campano Alliance

In 1999, BAA, majority shareholder in Gesac, the Naples Airport operator, sold 5% of its shares to Interporto Campano, a major Italian freight handler, for approximately IT£ 6 billion.

The entrance of Interporto Campano in the Gesac share package and the consequent enhanced integrated logistic synergy will enable the airport and Interporto to offer improved integration of air/surface traffic in southern Italy. Accordingly, Naples will assume an increasingly important role as a primary logistic hub for traffic between Northern Europe, Italy and the Mediterranean Countries.