

**Still more developments for the logistical hub to support the air export of products made in Campania. Up to 2000 Kg of 'mozzarella di bufala' to The United States and Great Britain**

The Airport-Interporto alliance, substantiated by the entrance of the Interporto Campano into the share structure of Gesac with a quota of 5% and made operative by the integration of transport between airport and Interporto, has made Naples the most important integrated logistic hub for goods in Southern Italy.

The recent construction of a 2500 m<sup>2</sup> airport terminal at the Interporto by Gesac with the help of shipping agents has made it possible to manage air/surface cargo traffic for a growing number of airline companies: At this time, Alitalia, British Airways, Lufthansa and Swissair use the infrastructure of the Interporto for surface transport from Naples to the national hubs of Fiumicino and Malpensa.

The airport terminal at the Interporto is now one step ahead, in as much as the infrastructure operates under the same customs conditions currently used in airports. The Finance Minister and the Customs Agency of Naples, at Gesac's request, has authorized the company to use a simplified procedure that accelerates customs operations for export and merchandise loading procedures in Italian hubs, to the advantage of both shipping agents and airline companies.

In particular, article 793 of the EEC Customs Recommendations (the simplified procedure for exporting goods from airport to airport) has also been extended, as a result of the authorization, to the goods that leave from the airport terminal to the cargo warehouses in Nola.

The synergy activated by the Interporto is contributing to the development of exports in Campania. In the first five months since the logistic hub was established, the volume of exported goods, which range from clothing to shoes to typical food products, handicrafts and high technology merchandise, has equalled around a half a million kilos. The most important data concerns the exportation of mozzarella to the USA and the U.K., which has reached 2,000 kilos per day mark.

"Together with our partners, we have laid the foundations for creating a logistic system able to attract more and more operators in this sector and make Campania products more competitive. The potential market that gravitates between the Campania and Puglia regions is worth at least another 20 million kilos of additional traffic that could travel through this system" – affirms Natale Chieppa, the General Director of Gesac Handling.