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Weekly data on aircraft itinerant movements are now available for March 12 to 18, 2022, on Statistics Canada website. For the week ending March 12, 2022, domestic movements were 34, 883 compared to 39,437 for the week ending March 5, 2022.

Weekly aircraft movements, March 12 to 18, 2022, March 30, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

Minister Alghabra launches the second Safer Skies Forum

Canada and its international partners are united in their commitment to improve the safety of air travel since the senseless shoot down of Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 by Iran in January 2020. On March 29, 2022, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, officially opened and addressed the second Safer Skies Forum. Hosted virtually by Transport Canada and the Safer Skies Consultative Committee, the Safer Skies Forum is the only international forum dedicated to mitigating the risks of airspace over or near conflict zones. It brings together expert partners, countries from around the world, international organizations, and the civil aviation industry in order to: 1) share best practices to improve international efforts in keeping passengers safe; 2) enable information sharing and collaboration between parties on current issues in global aviation and the way forward; and 3) advocate for the implementation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)'s Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to safeguarding airspace in or near conflict zones.

Minister Alghabra launches the second Safer Skies Forum, March 29, 2022, www.tc.gc.ca

Cargojet expands deal with DHL

Cargojet Inc. has signed a new agreement with DHL Network Operations (USA) Inc. to provide air-transportation services for DHL's global network that it says will boost earnings and help diversify its services. The agreement, which expands the relationship between the two companies, has a term of five years with a renewal option for an additional two years. Financial terms were not disclosed. Under the deal, Cargojet will provide services to support DHL's international requirements for Europe and North, South, Central and Latin America, as well as Asia. Cargojet uses 12 freighters to service DHL's current requirements. DHL intends to add five additional B-767 freighters during the 2022-23 time frame. It also plans to be Cargojet's inaugural launch customer for the B-777 wide body long-range cargo aircraft, which are expected to begin flying in late 2023 or early 2024.

Cargojet expands deal with DHL, March 29, 2022, www.insidelogistics.ca

(DHL strikes deal to buy up to 9.5% stake in Cargojet

DHL Express Division, an affiliate of Deutsche Post DHL Group, struck a deal with Cargojet Inc, which would give the German company an option to buy up to 9.5 per cent equity stake in the Canadian firm. Shares of Cargojet rose almost 14% to \$186.10 in mid-day trading

DHL strikes deal to buy up to 9.5% stake in Cargojet, March 29, 2022, www.financialpost.ca

(WestJet marks new era with move to cargo jets

Canadian shippers with express delivery needs will have more air cargo capacity to choose from this summer when WestJet, the country's second-largest passenger airline, launches its stand-alone freighter division. WestJet plans to take delivery in Calgary, Alberta, of its first used Boeing 737-800 aircraft converted for cabin cargo within a week

and have two aircraft in revenue service by July 1, or sooner, Charles Duncan, executive vice president of cargo, told FreightWaves. Operating from a base at Toronto Pearson International Airport, WestJet Cargo intends to start with limited charter work, transition to regular, scheduled flights between major cities within Canada and eventually blend in ad hoc charters and transborder flying to the U.S. and Caribbean, especially on weekends and other off-peak periods, he explained. The carrier is in discussion with many potential customers, including integrated parcel logistics companies.

WestJet marks new era with move to cargo jets, March 28, 2022, www.freightwaves.com

WestJet Takes Off for London's Heathrow Airport

WestJet on March 27, 2022, celebrates the completion of its inaugural flight from Calgary International Airport to London's Heathrow Airport with the arrival of flight WS18 at 12:00 pm local time. This new service complements WestJet's already existing flights to London-Gatwick with the airline offering up to nine times weekly service between Calgary and London this summer. "We are pleased to provide our guests travelling to London for business and leisure with greater choice and convenience as we celebrate our inaugural flight to Heathrow Airport," said Chris Hedlin, WestJet Vice-President, Network & Alliances. "This new route not only strengthens Alberta's travel and tourism pipeline but creates new opportunities for our guests to benefit from access to one of the most connected global aviation hubs."

WestJet Takes off for London's Heathrow Airport, March 28, 2022, www.westjet.ca

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