



Dube Cargo Terminal Records 7% Growth in Airfreight Throughput

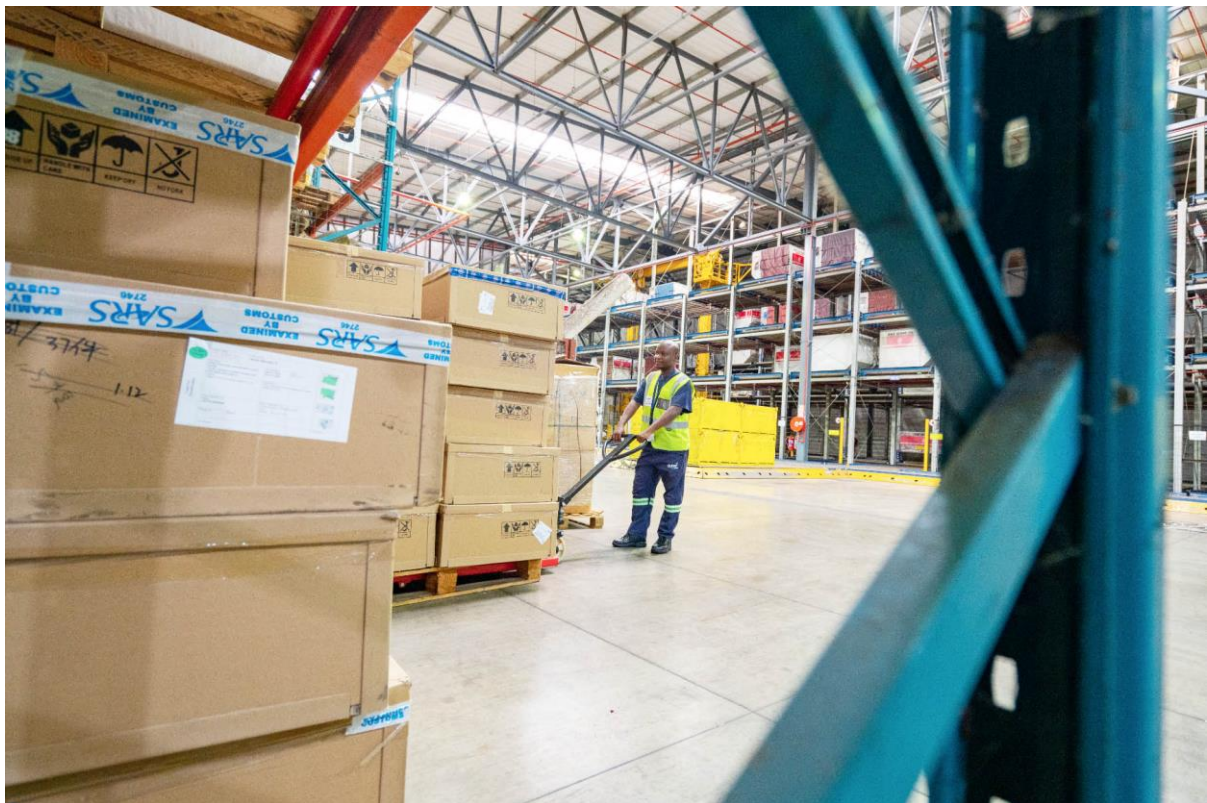
Durban, South Africa, Dube Cargo Terminal at King Shaka International Airport has recorded a 7% growth in air cargo volumes handled over the last year.

The cargo terminal experienced its first significant surge in demand between September and December 2023, following the slump in 2020, primarily driven by increased perishable exports and a gradual shift in modal transport towards airfreight for key exports of automotive components and similar goods. This momentum continued into 2024, with cargo throughput growing by over 5% year-on-year, totalling 14,424 tonnes of cargo in the last financial year.

This year, Dube Cargo Terminal (from April 2024 to March 2025), these volumes increased to 15,429 tonnes of cargo handled through the Dube Cargo Terminal. This performance has been supported by the rise of specialised air charters and an expanded demand for airfreight by the perishables sector, particularly in fruit and meat exports, destined for markets in Europe and the Middle East.

The increase in air connectivity in Durban has greatly improved the capacity of Dube Cargo Terminal to support exporters, particularly those in the perishables sector. To sustain airfreight growth, Dube TradePort has invested in bonded and cold storage warehouses, bonded trucking, and expanding the airline route development efforts through Durban Direct. These investments have enhanced the handling of specialised and time-sensitive shipments.

Dube Cargo Terminal's infrastructure and commitment to service excellence is designed to meet these needs while strengthening South Africa's participation in both regional and global supply chains.



Issued by:

DUBE TRADEPORT SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

Vincent Zwane, Communications and Public Relations Manager

vincent.zwane@dubetradeport.co.za