

PRESS INFO

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Kuehne+Nagel strengthens own-controlled air freight network with greater global connectivity

- **First Inspire flight arrives in Frankfurt, strengthening transatlantic pharma connectivity**
- **Enhanced connections across North America, Europe, and Asia**
- **Strengthening Kuehne+Nagel's own-controlled air freight network**

Schindellegi / CH, June 8, 2026 – Kuehne+Nagel has expanded its own-controlled air freight network with the addition of Frankfurt to its Inspire aircraft rotation, strengthening connectivity between North America, Europe and Asia.

As Europe's leading air cargo hub, Frankfurt handles around 2 million tonnes of cargo annually and plays a central role in the movement of high-value and time-sensitive goods. Its inclusion in the Inspire rotation further strengthens key trade flows between Europe and North America.

The updated rotation now includes a weekly routing from Chicago to Frankfurt, continuing to Atlanta. The connection directly links Frankfurt and Chicago, two major pharmaceutical production and distribution hubs, supporting the movement of time-sensitive healthcare shipments

Inspire is Kuehne+Nagel's own controlled Boeing 747-8 freighter. The long-term charter is operated by Atlas Air. The Boeing 747-8F is the largest cargo plane manufactured by Boeing, with a cargo capacity of about 140 tonnes, enabling the transport of high-value and complex shipments across key global trade lanes.

Effective June 2026, the updated Inspire rotation enhances connectivity across key transatlantic and Asia-Europe trade lanes, linking Atlanta, Chicago, Frankfurt, Liège, Sharjah, and Taipei. The network is designed to support industries with high requirements on reliability and speed, including pharmaceuticals, aerospace, high-tech, semiconductors and cloud infrastructure shipments.

"Frankfurt is one of Europe's leading air cargo and pharmaceutical hubs, linking regional production with global markets. The expanded Inspire rotation provides customers with capacity, reliability and greater global connectivity for both healthcare shipments and other time-sensitive cargo,

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including high-tech and semiconductor flows,” says Martin Schaefer, SVP Air Logistics Germany at Kuehne+Nagel.

Kuehne+Nagel continues to scale its own-controlled capacity, comprising more than 100 weekly charter connections worldwide. Leveraging its scalable network and gateway model, the company further strengthens reliability, speed and service consistency across its air logistics offering, while maintaining the flexibility to adapt to evolving trade patterns and customer needs.

About Kuehne+Nagel

With more than 85,000 employees across over 1,300 sites in close to 100 countries, the Kuehne+Nagel Group is one of the world's leading logistics providers. Headquartered in Switzerland and listed on the Swiss blue-chip stock market index, the SMI, it is the global number one in Air and Sea Logistics and holds strong market positions in Road and Contract Logistics.

Supporting around 400,000 customers worldwide, the Group draws on its global network, logistics expertise, and data-driven insights to deliver end-to-end supply chain solutions for global companies and industries.