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cargo-partner Expands Weekly LCL Rail Transports from Europe to China

The impacts of the coronavirus have led to capacity shortages in transport between Europe and China. The logistics provider has recently introduced two new weekly LCL direct connections between Duisburg and Hefei as well as between Linz and Xi'an. With a transit time of around 16 days, numerous customers make use of the rail transport solutions.

As a consequence of the COVID-19 crisis and disturbed supply chains, the demand for faster than sea freight end-to-end transportation strongly brought the Iron Silk Road into the picture. Also freight rates from Europe to China via air- and seafreight have drastically increased. Many companies are looking for alternatives to secure the transport of important shipments to Asia. cargo-partner has recognized the need for attractive and reliable alternatives to the common routings and is offering a range of additional options.

Duisburg to Hefei every Saturday

One of these is the new weekly rail consolidation service from Duisburg, Germany, to Hefei in Central China. Shipments can be picked up via cargo-partner's dense network of hubs throughout the entire region of Western Europe, including Italy. The first container was loaded two weeks ago in Duisburg and departed on March 21; the second container followed one week later. Transit times to Hefei amount to approximately 16 days. Modern GSM tracking tools ensure transparency throughout the supply chain.

Linz to Xi'an every Friday

In addition, the weekly rail transport offering was extended by a consolidation service departing every Friday from Linz (Austria) to Xi'an. The service includes pickup from Central and Eastern Europe as well as distribution throughout all of China. Transit times for this connection also average around 16 days. Thanks to direct transport without transshipment, cargo-partner's direct LCL service enables fast door-to-door transit times and helps avoid the risks of unloading and reloading.

Long-standing expertise on the "Iron Silk Road"

"The new Iron Silk Road has been a success story for a long time, even before the current crisis. We are convinced that it will become even more important in the future – not just for shipments from East to West, but also for eastbound transports." This is the assessment of cargo-partner's CEO, Stefan Krauter. Indeed, the company has been organizing full and part load container transports between Asia and Europe by rail for over half a decade and has a long-standing reputation as an experienced provider of rail transports across the "New Silk

Road". The volumes and routings handled by the logistics provider on this route have been continuously growing.

cargo-partner's rail transport services include door-to-door distribution and storage with a range of value added services such as stuffing, unloading, palletizing and securing of containers as well as comprehensive customs clearance support and expertise in Europe and China.

Since rail transport is up to 50% faster than seafreight and up to 60% more cost-efficient than airfreight, it is not surprising that an increasing number of cargo-partner's customers is benefiting from this alternative. The low CO₂ footprint is a welcome side-effect.

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About cargo-partner

cargo-partner is a privately owned full-range info-logistics provider offering a comprehensive portfolio of air, sea, land transport and warehousing solutions. With over a third of a century's expertise in information technology and supply chain optimization, the company designs tailor-made services for a wide range of industries to create competitive benefits for its customers all around the world. Founded in 1983, cargo-partner generated a turnover of 825 million euro (estimated) in 2019 and currently employs 3,150 people worldwide.

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