

RACING SOUTH AFRICA - July export shipment to Brussels

At 09H50 on Wednesday 9 July 2008, Cargo B flight BB3102 departed Cape Town



International Airport non-stop to Brussels International Airport. This was the second flight operated by Racing South Africa as part of its attempt to stabilize the delivery of South African horses to South Africa's trading partners.

When Racing South Africa took the decision to add a freight solution to its existing quarantine services, it was agreed that the shipping agency functions should remain with the

shipping agents. These include the preparation of commercial invoices, customs clearance and logistical requirements post arrival in Europe.

It is recognized that the freight component is by far and away the biggest cost incurred by our trading partners. Therefore, by acting as airline broker on behalf of the shipping agents using Kenilworth Quarantine Station, Racing SA is able to pass on the freight charges to the agents at cost. Thus, it allows the agents a reasonable opportunity to mark up the freight and to charge a fee for their agency services. Over time, the cost of delivery is expected to stabilize allowing a more predictable delivery system for our trading partners.

As with the April shipment, European Cargo Services (ECS), the Dutch-based specialist horse transport operator and General Sales Agent for Cargo B Airline, provided the overall logistical solution, including jet stalls and professional flying groomers. On this flight ECS was represented by the highly experienced professional flying groom, Andre Mos, who was joined by the internationally renowned, Tim Rolfe, representing Peden Bloodstock. Kenilworth Quarantine Station quarantine master and qualified Veterinarian, Koos Neuland, representing Racing South Africa made up the team.



Operationally, despite the wintry conditions in Cape Town, the loading process went smoothly and the flight was reported to have been uneventful, touching down just after 21H00 at Brussels International Airport. To improve post arrival efficiency, Racing SA's Team devoted much thought to the presentation of documentation which allowed the 35 horses to be cleared within 3 hours.

This shipment was mostly made up of endurance horses destined for the Middle East with hackney stallions for Holland, polo ponies for the UK and three racehorses destined for various parts of the world making up the balance.

The next shipment of 30 horses starts pre-export quarantine on Thursday 17 July with a departure for Brussels scheduled with ECS/Cargo B Airlines on Tuesday, 26 August.

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