



# AIRBRIDGECARGO TO INCREASE US-ASIA CONNECTIONS

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**Russia's AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) will focus on US-Asia connections in 2016. ABC intends to increase connectivity options via its Moscow hub to all US destinations from Asia.** According to a carrier statement, ABC will expand and enhance its expansion by introducing additional frequencies in major markets. Also, the airline will continue investing in expanding its fleet, ATW reported.

In 2015, ABC has taken delivery of two new Boeing 747-8Fs, which were delivered under a memorandum of understanding signed at the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget. The airline's fleet now includes eight 747-8Fs.

From January-November, ABC's cargo volume reached 439,000 tonnes, up 20% year-over-year. The airline's growth in 2015 has been supported by the addition of more prime cargo routes and connectivity across the network, as well as the introduction of additional frequencies on existing routes.

In the Asia-Pacific, new services to and from Singapore and Hanoi have extended ABC's network

in the region to nine online stations. In Europe, ABC launched services to Helsinki, while its coverage in North America has been enhanced by adding Los Angeles and Atlanta service. ABC now provides more than 600 weekly connections with 48-hour delivery time for any published scheduled hub connection.

“In 2015, ABC continued following its growth strategy, which is based on a combination of operating a highly efficient fleet, network expansion to the points of production and consumption, developing niche destinations with limited belly capacity but stable cargo flows,” ABC executive president Denis Ilin said.

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