

## Traxon Europe offers EDI link to South African customs

***Traxon Europe, the international e-communications provider for the airfreight industry, offers airlines and the South African Revenue Services (SARS) a two-way communication channel for EDI messages.***

*Frankfurt on Main, July, 2010* – Following the lead set by the USA, Canada, India, China and the European Commission South Africa requires advanced electronic reporting for security reasons effective July 1. Airlines flying freight to South Africa have to declare all shipments onboard prior to arrival in South Africa by means of certain EDI messages to the South African Revenue Services (SARS).

Traxon Europe has an interface to SARS through a local partner. The e-communication service provider can thus offer airlines a 100% reliable EDI link to SARS's Manifest Acquittal System (MAS). Based on airline supplied data Traxon Europe sends flight manifest data on House Waybill level to MAS. On request it also conveys customs status messages from SARS back to the airlines. Two airlines are already using the new TRAXON ACC South Africa solution.

Customs services all over the world have set themselves the goal to implement an electronic customs environment to make international trade easier, faster, and safer. This development is strongly driven by the United States and the European Commission. In the EU countries advanced reporting of export data for customs has been in force since July 2009. The next phase to cover imports will become mandatory effective January 1, 2011. Many other countries have adopted similar measures or will introduce them in the near future. Parallel to this, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) is working towards achieving a paperless air cargo industry.

“Our TRAXON Air Cargo Customs (ACC) portfolio covers a wide variety of country specific solutions. Apart from TRAXON ACC South Africa one of our latest additions is ACC Europe, our solution for European customs. TRAXON ACC Europe ECS was launched in May 2009 to comply with EU export requirements. TRAXON ACC Europe ICS was introduced in May of this year to support the new EU import regulations coming into force January 1, 2011. It offers airlines a single gateway to 27 European countries. The new product is of particular interest to airlines and forwarders that import freight to a number of stations in different countries in the European Union”, explains Cyril Collin, Area Manager Sales for France, Benelux & Africa.

All products in the TRAXON Air Cargo Customs portfolio neither need massive investment nor extensive staff training. They are easy to maintain due to the single provider and gateway. They save time and money by automating many internal processes and reducing paperwork.

## Company Portrait

**TRAXON Europe**, headquartered in Frankfurt am Main (Germany), was founded in 1991. The company's dedicated professional team provides comprehensive, leading edge electronic communication solutions and services to the airfreight industry. TRAXON Europe's innovative products help the different partners of the air cargo supply chain to electronically manage air shipments and meet Cargo 2000, IATA e-freight, WCO (World Customs Organization) and postal requirements. They optimize global process quality, increase in-time delivery and document accuracy by eliminating sources of error. TRAXON Europe not only boosts its clients' customer service and gives them a competitive edge but it also greens their CO<sub>2</sub> footprint by eliminating the need for paper.

The global network of TRAXON Europe links more than 9,000 offices of forwarders and third party providers of logistics services with some 100 international airlines. TRAXON Europe generated a turnover of about Euro 9.3 million in 2009. Around 144 million messages were transmitted that year.

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