

Today, the emphasis on the use of paperless communication in transport chains is rapidly increasing. Electronic messaging enables automated processes and flow of information, and increases Quality of Service at reduced cost. More and more international corporations and governing bodies are tuning in to, and in some cases even forcing, electronic data exchange. New regulations and requirements are affecting the airmail business already and will do so even more in the near future. Staying ahead of the game can mean the difference between success and failure.

Air Mail with TRAXON:

Automation made Easy

Air Mail is a new value added service for carriers and postal services who wish to automate the airmail process using EDI. Consignment information (CARDIT messages) and status information (RESMIT messages) are exchanged between postal service companies and carriers based on individual profiles. This helps reduce costs and increase efficiency. Phone or fax become things of the past as employees no longer have to chase up their shipments.

The CARDIT Message

The CARDIT message can be likened to the electronic Air Waybill of the airmail business. It contains information about an airmail consignment and is sent from the postal service to the carrier, or handling agent on behalf of the carrier, which will transport the airmail receptacles from the

place of departure to a particular place of arrival. There is one CARDIT message per consignment.

The RESMIT Message

The RESMIT message refers to a particular consignment identified from a CARDIT message and contains status information about a consignment of mail as it is being processed by a carrier. It acts as a status update for the shipment enabling carriers to keep their postal service customers up to date pro-actively concerning the whereabouts of the consignment. The sending of CARDIT messages is mandatory in order to receive a RESMIT message. The two message types are defined to work together to bring about an automated airmail solution.

Benefits of Air Mail via TRAXON:

Participating Airlines

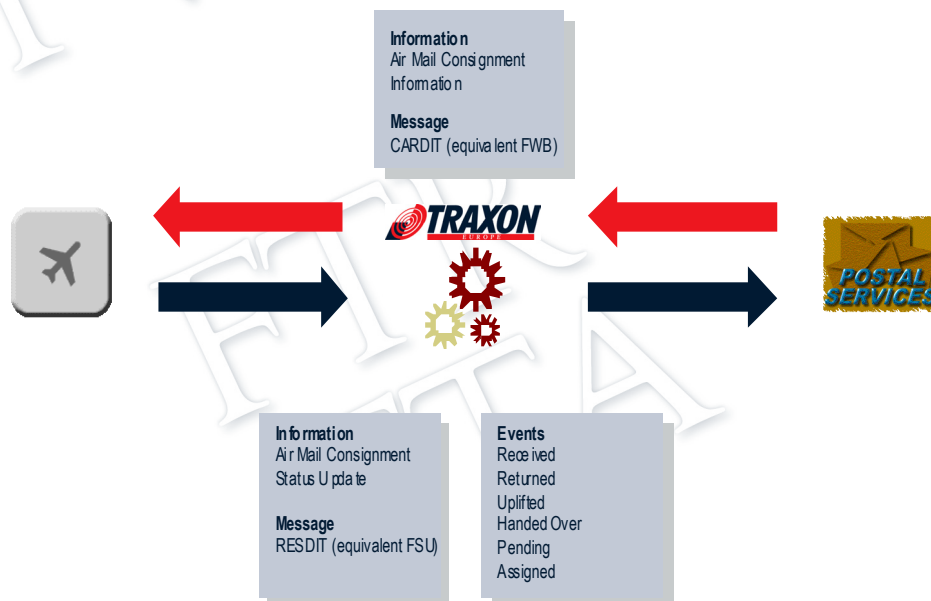
- **Can use existing technical links** - no need for additional interfaces
- **No implementation fees charged** - you only pay for your transactions
- **More transparency**- no need for yet another provider contract

All Airlines

- **Access to additional postal services**
- **Simplified pricing model** - charged per transaction rather than per kilobyte
- **Improved quality of the air mail product**
- **Improved standardisation** - a framework for future automated exchange
- **Reduced man-hours & costs**



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Postal Administration

Benefits:

- Speed & reliability of mail delivery
- Process control through enhanced status information
- Quality Monitoring of airline services
- Invoice control improved
- Basis of common communications vehicle for postal administrations

References (excerpt)

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Available RESDIT Events

- **RECEIVED** by the carrier - a formal acknowledgement of receipt of the airmail consignment (or a part thereof)
- **RETURNED** - The consignment will be returned partly or in full to the sending postal administration or handed over to the local administration if direct transshipment cannot take place. The status can be used to indicate the reason for return.
- **UPLIFTED** - notification by the carrier that the consignment or a part thereof has been loaded and the transport has departed
- **HANDED OVER** - the consignment, in part or in full, has been handed over from the carrier to another carrier or is available for collection by final destination
- **PENDING** - the consignment was not loaded in the scheduled Transport
- **ASSIGNED** - the consignment is assigned to a new transport

Getting Started

For existing TRAXON customers already using the TRAXON network to communicate air cargo data with forwarders and customs authorities, the existing communication means can be used, which simplifies matters considerably. Those of you who do not yet communicate through TRAXON can benefit from a central gateway for air cargo, customs and airmail communication by joining the world's largest air cargo network.

So, once you are ready to send and receive CARDIT or RESDIT messages from your system and begin to tackle the communication side, TRAXON Europe will be glad to help.



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