

Increase of eight percent: Vienna Airport handles more cargo in the first quarter of 2025

Vienna Airport records a successful first quarter, increasing its tonnage by 5,222 tons to a total of 73,280 tons in the first three months of 2025. This represents an eight percent increase compared to the same period last year. The ongoing positive development this year continued in April: Vienna Airport recorded a total of 26,999 tons in this month, a 13 percent rise compared to April 2024.

Growth in belly cargo on passenger aircraft compensated for the slight decline in volumes handled by cargo-only aircraft. Vienna Airport therefore recorded 31,477 tons of belly cargo in the first quarter, marking a significant increase of 16 percent. In April, a plus of even 17 percent with a total of 11,421 tons was recorded.

The tonnage handled in the Pharma Handling Center during the first quarter also increased by three percent to a total of 913 tons. Vienna Airport is one of the few airports in Central and Eastern Europe to offer a specialized Pharma Handling Center, ensuring professional transport with an uninterrupted cold chain.

A comparison of imported and exported air freight reveals a varied picture in the first quarter. A total of 37,946 tons were imported to Austria via Vienna Airport, a one percent increase. Meanwhile, 35,334 tons of cargo were transported via Vienna to global markets, representing a 16 percent increase compared to the first quarter of 2024.

About Vienna Airport as a cargo hub

Thanks to its geographically favourable location in Europe, Vienna Airport has positioned itself as an important global cargo hub for Central and Eastern Europe. Vienna Airport is used by leading cargo airlines, especially for intercontinental transport. The airport offers rapid transshipment times based on its 24/7 operational readiness. Ten Category F aircraft parking bays (Boeing 747, Antonov 124) in close proximity to the terminal buildings are available for air cargo. Vienna Airport is firmly anchored in the European network of air cargo road feeder services. The most important consumer and business centres in Central and Eastern Europe are accessed within 24 or 48 hours. Flughafen Wien AG, which is publicly traded on the Vienna Stock Exchange, is one of the biggest employers in the region, featuring a workforce of more than 5,400 people.

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