

## Operational Newsletter (various)

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Dear Valued Customer,

### **Pilots' union extends Lufthansa strike**

German pilots' union Vereinigung Cockpit will extend its strike at Lufthansa into Wednesday after a walkout already planned for Tuesday in a long-running dispute over pay, benefits and cost cuts.

Tuesday's strike, the 13th in 18 months, affects long-haul passenger and cargo flights out of Germany from 06:00 to 21:59 GMT on Tuesday, while Wednesday's 24-hour strike targets short-haul Lufthansa and Germanwings flights.

Lufthansa said it would operate 90 out of about 170 planned long-haul flights for Tuesday and all seven cargo flights as pilots volunteered to work. It expects several hundred flights to be cancelled on Wednesday, when it has 1,350 short-haul flights planned.

*Source: Airwise News, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015*

### **Kenya government to raise penalties for truck overloading**

The government intends to enact a new law to introduce stiffer penalties on axle load offenders who exceed the maximum weight allowed.

A Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) official, Isaiah Onsongo said the government was incurring huge losses through road damage caused by overloading.

*Source: Logistics Update, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015*

### **Strong warning of default risks for exporters to Russia**

The Citrus Growers' Association has issued a strong warning to SA fruit exporters to be aware of default risks by Russian importers.

This in light of the steady depreciation of the rouble against the US dollar. According to the CGA, on August 20 the exchange rate was 67 to the USD. By the 24<sup>th</sup> it was already over 71.

SA exporters have therefore been warned not to ship fruit without 100% payment on the date of loading.

*Source: FTW Online, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015*

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