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Dear Pins

I would like to draw your attention to the following articles published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 on [www.aircargonews.net](http://www.aircargonews.net)

Slow start for UK cargo hubs

London's Heathrow airport saw a 1.8% fall in cargo volumes during January to 130,700 tonnes but was not alone among UK gateways as Manchester and London Stansted also registered monthly declines, while express hub East Midlands Airport bucked the downward trend.

Heathrow's best performing markets for cargo were Africa, with growth of 8.9%, and Latin America which saw an increase of 8.8%, largely driven by an increase in movements to Brazil.

UK airports group MAG reported a 1.6% fall to 8,100 tonnes at Manchester airport in January over the same month in 2018, while Stansted volumes fell 6.6% to 19,600 tonnes and East Midlands' throughput rose 2.1% to 30,100 tonnes.

<https://www.aircargonews.net/cargo-airport/slow-start-for-uk-cargo-hubs/>

The latest figures from WorldACD do not offer any hopes for a recovery in air cargo growth this year, according to the analyst.

Figures show that the total chargeable weight of cargo decreased by 5% year on year in May, whilst yields in US dollar terms were down 5.6% on a year ago.

WorldACD said that the year-on-year decline for May was slightly better than the April figure, but was still behind the figure for the first four months of the year.

The analyst said: "Not a single region escaped the trend: the origins Africa and Europe suffered least, with YoY volume drops of 2.2% and 2.4% respectively, but the origins Asia Pacific and North America chalked up YoY losses of -7.0 % and -7.2 % respectively. Latin America and the Middle East & South Asia (MESA) could not buck the trend either (-4% and -3.4%)."

General cargo for May was 7.2% behind a year ago, while special cargo was 0.1% behind. High-Tech & Other Vulnerable Goods, the largest category special cargo, increased by 5.3% year on year, whilst the second largest category, Pharma & Temperature Controlled Goods, rose by 9.9%.

The cargo load factor dropped 2.1 percentage points compared with a year earlier.

<https://www.aircargonews.net/business/no-recovery-in-sight-for-air-cargo/>

If cargo is falling how can it be in the national interest to open a new cargo hub?

Yours Sincerely,

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