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To : All CX & UO Appointed Cargo Agents
From : Cathay Cargo – Cargo Sales Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area
Subject : CX & UO Circular – Cargo Fuel Surcharge (CFS) wef 3rd April 2026

Dear Customer,

In light of the significant impact that the volatile situation in the Middle East continues to have on the price of jet fuel, Cathay Cargo will be revising the cargo fuel surcharge effective 3rd April from level 23 to level 29 of the Fuel Surcharge Table – please see Appendix 1.

The jet fuel that aircraft use is made by refining crude oil, and so the price of jet fuel comprises both the crude oil component and the refinery component, both of which have increased significantly in recent weeks.

According to price data published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA)ⁱ, the global average jet fuel price increased to US\$197.00 per barrel for the week ending 20th March 2026, increasing from US\$157.41 per barrel for the week ending 6th March 2026, and US\$95.95 per barrel for the week ending 20th February 2026.

Breaking this down, crude oil increased to US\$110.78 per barrel for the week ending 20th March 2026. At the same time, the refinery component (weekly average crack spread) increased to US\$86.22 per barrel for the week ending 20th March 2026, increasing from US\$72.26 per barrel for the week ending 6th March 2026, and US\$24.48 per barrel for the week ending 20th February 2026. Together, these increases illustrate the sharp rise in overall jet fuel price.

Cathay Cargo is determined to maintain our schedule as far as is practicable and we recognise the importance of our scheduled capacity to our customers. However, if the steep increase of fuel costs cannot be effectively mitigated, we would not be able to sustain the effective operations of our network. We are doing all we can to avoid this.

Like many airlines, Cathay undertakes fuel hedging to manage fuel price volatility. However, in 2026 our hedging covers only around 30% of the crude oil component and hedging does not apply to the refinery component, making this measure insufficient given the scale of the recent surge in jet fuel price.

The cargo fuel surcharge is another important mechanism to mitigate and recover a portion of our incremental fuel costs and Cathay Cargo is one of many operators to have increased fuel surcharges in response to the increase in jet fuel price.

Based on the average price of aviation fuel over the reference period from 8th to 23rd March, the fuel surcharge effective 3rd April 2026 will be as follows:

- Short-haul : HK\$4.5/kg (from the current HK\$3.5/kg)
- Long-haul : HK\$16.3/kg (from the current HK\$12.9/kg)

To enable a more agile response to the volatile jet fuel prices, we will review and revise the fuel surcharge every two weeks to better capture jet fuel price movements in either an upward or downward direction. This increased frequency of review is intended as a temporary measure and will be revisited when the situation stabilises.

We note that some major airlines have reduced their capacity in response to the escalating fuel prices. We understand how much our customers rely on our network and frequency and we are determined to manage this significant cost challenge as best we can in the interests of our business partners and the Hong Kong international aviation hub.

The current cargo fuel surcharge, effective from 20 March, will be extended until 2 April. The cargo fuel surcharge is based on chargeable weight and uplift date. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the relevant CFS table. For updated information on our CFS, you can also visit this link: <https://www.cathaycargo.com/en-us/help-and-support/cargo-fuel-surcharge.html>

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact our cargo sales team at 2747-7222.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix 1

Cargo Fuel Surcharge (wef 01JAN25)

Lv	<u>Prevailing Oil Price</u> <u>(SIN Jet Fuel Price)</u> (US\$/Barrel)			Short-haul (HK\$/kg)	Long-haul (HK\$/kg)
1	54	to	58.99	0.1	0.4
2	59	to	63.99	0.3	1.0
3	64	to	68.99	0.5	1.5
4	69	to	73.99	0.6	2.1
5	74	to	78.99	0.8	2.7
6	79	to	83.99	0.9	3.2
7	84	to	88.99	1.1	3.8
8	89	to	93.99	1.2	4.4
9	94	to	98.99	1.4	4.9
10	99	to	103.99	1.5	5.5
11	104	to	108.99	1.7	6.1
12	109	to	113.99	1.8	6.7
13	114	to	118.99	2.0	7.2
14	119	to	123.99	2.2	7.8
15	124	to	128.99	2.3	8.4
16	129	to	133.99	2.5	8.9
17	134	to	138.99	2.6	9.5
18	139	to	143.99	2.8	10.1
19	144	to	148.99	2.9	10.6
20	149	to	153.99	3.1	11.2
21	154	to	158.99	3.2	11.8
22	159	to	163.99	3.4	12.4
23	164	to	168.99	3.5	12.9
24	169	to	173.99	3.7	13.5
25	174	to	178.99	3.9	14.1
26	179	to	183.99	4.0	14.6
27	184	to	188.99	4.2	15.2
28	189	to	193.99	4.3	15.8
29	194	to	198.99	4.5	16.3
30	199	to	203.99	4.6	16.9

Our Long-haul & Short-haul definition will remain unchanged:

Long-haul destinations refer to:

- North & South America
- Europe and Southwest Pacific
- Middle East and Africa
- Indian Subcontinent (including India / Bangladesh / Nepal / Sri Lanka / Maldives)

Short-haul destinations refer to:

- Other destinations in Asia

Cargo Fuel Surcharge (supplement for Prevailing Oil Price above USD203.99/Barrel)

Lv	<u>Prevailing Oil Price</u> <u>(SIN Jet Fuel Price)</u> (US\$/Barrel)			Short-haul (HK\$/kg)	Long-haul (HK\$/kg)
31	204	to	208.99	4.8	17.5
32	209	to	213.99	4.9	18
33	214	to	218.99	5.1	18.6
34	219	to	223.99	5.2	19.2
35	224	to	228.99	5.4	19.8
36	229	to	233.99	5.6	20.3
37	234	to	238.99	5.7	20.9
38	239	to	243.99	5.9	21.5
39	244	to	248.99	6	22
40	249	to	253.99	6.2	22.6
41	254	to	258.99	6.3	23.2
42	259	to	263.99	6.5	23.7
43	264	to	268.99	6.6	24.3
44	269	to	273.99	6.8	24.9
45	274	to	278.99	6.9	25.4
46	279	to	283.99	7.1	26
47	284	to	288.99	7.3	26.6
48	289	to	293.99	7.4	27.2
49	294	to	298.99	7.6	27.7
50	299	to	303.99	7.7	28.3
51	304	to	308.99	7.9	28.9
52	309	to	313.99	8	29.4
53	314	to	318.99	8.2	30
54	319	to	323.99	8.3	30.6

Remarks: Additional higher-level CFS will be implemented when necessary.

ⁱ IATA – Jet Fuel Price Monitor: [IATA - Fuel Price Monitor](#)