CPS: the most popular air cargo booking portal

Cargo Portal Services (CPS) is the world’s most widely used air cargo booking portal. But where does it reach?

The number of forwarders registered on CPS passed 15,000 recently. They come from 143 of the 192 United Nations member states (www.un.org/en/members) which account for 92 percent of the world’s population.

There are some big countries not represented such as Iran, Myanmar, Iraq, Afghanistan, North Korea, Angola, and Cuba.

Most though, are tiny states such as Tuvalu which is four reef islands over 26 square kilometers. Its 10,000 inhabitants live in splendid isolation between Hawaii and Australia so aren’t well placed as a cargo gateway.

Monaco also doesn’t feature. While it has a larger population than Tuvalu, it is less than 2 square kilometers and doesn’t have an airport. The world’s largest airport, King Fahd International, by contrast, covers 780 square kilometers.

The oldest sovereign state in the world is another exception to the CPS country list. Founded on 3 September 301, San Marino is unlikely to feature soon as it has no flat land.

Maybe Bhutan is a better prospect. It used to be one of the most isolated nations in the world, but now enjoys international flights, the Internet and mobile phone networks. With no railways or sea ports, the only competition is from road. It was recently the second fastest growing economy, achieving a per capita income of US$1,300 so it is likely to join sometime.

The reach achieved in 11 years has been impressive and is why more and more carriers and forwarders realize that being part of this community is less of an option and more a necessity.

The last 8 percent: Iran; Myanmar; Iraq; Nepal; Afghanistan; Uzbekistan; North Korea; Mozambique; Syria; Angola; Malawi; Zambia; Zimbabwe; Chad; Cuba; Tunisia; Haiti; Rwanda; Bolivia; Somalia; Azerbaijan; Burundi; Honduras; Tajikistan; Papua New Guinea; Libya; Paraguay; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; El Salvador; Nicaragua; Sierra Leone; Kyrgyzstan; Turkmenistan; Eritrea; Georgia; Liberia; Armenia; Mongolia; Namibia; Lesotho; Macedonia; Botswana; Gambia; Guinea-Bissau; Estonia; Trinidad and Tobago; Swaziland; Timor-Leste; Cyprus; Guyana; Bhutan; Comoros; Equatorial Guinea; Solomon Islands; Suriname; Cape Verde; Luxembourg; Malta; Brunei; Maldives; Belize; Barbados; Vanuatu; Samoa; Sao Tome and Principe; Micronesia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Grenada; Tonga; Kiribati; Andorra; Dominica; Marshall Islands; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Liechtenstein; Monaco; San Marino; Palau; Nauru; and Tuvalu.