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CMA CGM'S PANAMA DIRECT SERVICE NOW WEEKLY

From Monday 21 September 2013, starting with the call of CMA CGM MA-NET at Dunkirk, the shipping company CMA CGM will double the frequency of its PANAMA DIRECT service which will call at Dunkirk every Saturday. With a particularly wide rotation, the service will cover all of northern Europe, the Baltic, the Mediterranean, North Africa, the Black Sea, New Zealand, Australia, the South Pacific islands, South America, Central America and North America.

At import, this regular service will offer the shortest transit time from Australia and New Zealand to Dunkerque-Port, ensuring a high quality of transport for products at controlled temperature from these countries, a traffic towards northern Europe and the French market which is growing in volume. At export, it is the east coast of the United States and the South Pacific islands which will benefit most from this outstanding improvement.

The service gives Dunkirk a privileged position in its northern Europe rotation every Saturday, and means that shippers will have import and export transit times that meet their expectations. It will also consolidate Dunkirk's place as a major hub for goods travelling at controlled temperature, as France's foremost port for the import of containerised fruit and vegetables; in addition, it opens up attractive prospects for meat imports. This weekend call at Dunkirk offers the advantage of delivery as early as Monday to clients in the Nord-Pas de Calais region, the border area of Belgium, Greater Paris and the United Kingdom.

Christine Cabau Woehrel, Chair of Dunkerque-Port's Executive Committee, welcomes this development enthusiastically: *«This is another step in the strategic direction we have chosen and maritime operators are steadily confirming their commitment to this concept.»*

France's third-ranking port, Dunkirk is well known as a port handling heavy bulk cargoes for its numerous industrial installations. It has also built its reputation in other sectors such as cross-Channel RORO traffic to Great Britain, containers, fruit, etc. Classified as the seventh port of the North Europe Range which extends from Le Havre to Hamburg, Dunkirk is also the leading French port for ore and coal imports, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports, and the country's second-ranking port for trade with Great Britain.

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