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EVA Airways Corp. of Taiwan has ordered two Boeing MD-11 Freighter airplanes for delivery in 1998, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group announced today.

The airline now operates three MD-11 passenger airplanes and three MD-11Fs, primarily on routes across the Pacific to destinations in North America and from Asia to Europe. The new order is in addition to two previously ordered MD-11 Freighters that will be delivered later in 1997. With this new order, EVA has a total of ten MD-11s in operation or on firm order.

"The MD-11 Freighter continues to show superior profit margins in its operations throughout the world," said Dick Pearson, vice president-general manager of the Douglas Products Division in Long Beach, where the MD-11 is produced. "These additional airplanes will enhance EVA Air's cargo operations to meet the projected increase in world air freight traffic."

The MD-11F can carry more than 90 tons of payload on nonstop flights exceeding 4,300 nautical miles (6,900 km) or will accommodate more than 100 tons maximum payload on shorter routes

With more than 15,500 cubic feet of main deck cargo space, the airplane accommodates up to 26 standard 96-inch by 125-inch freight pallets. Three lower deck compartments provide an additional 5,566 cubic feet of cargo space.

MD-11 Freighters are flown throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

The order brings to 44 the total number of MD-11 freighters and convertible freighters on firm order.

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