Boeing to Modify two 747-200s for Northwest Airlines Cargo

Boeing Airplane Services today confirms that it has contracted with Northwest Airlines Cargo for the modification of two 747-200 airplanes from passenger to freighter configuration. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Both airplanes will be converted at the Boeing Airplane Services Wichita Modification Center. The first airplane is scheduled for arrival and induction in December 2000 and the second is scheduled to arrive in February 2001.

Passenger to freighter modification involves primarily the removal of the passenger furnishings, installation of a side cargo door and installation of a cargo handling system.

The converted 747-200 will be capable of carrying approximately 230,000 pounds of cargo; its range will be approximately 3,200 nautical miles with full payload.

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