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Alitalia organizes non-stop cargo flights from China to import medical supplies
A medical team comprising 37 medical doctors and 15 hospital nurses from Cuba is flying with Alitalia to Milan

Rome, 22 March 2020 – Alitalia has organized, in coordination with the Italian Department of Civil Protection, the first of a series of cargo flights from China with the purpose of transporting medical equipment necessary for Italian hospitals to manage the Covid-19 emergency.

For this first humanitarian flight, an Alitalia's Boeing 777-300ER, the aircraft with the largest cargo capacity among the Airline's fleet, will take off to Shanghai next Wednesday and return to Rome on Thursday 26 March with 160 cubic meters of medical supplies stowed, including approximately 3 million of protective face masks.

The delegation comprising 37 Cuban medical doctors and 15 hospital nurses will land today at 6.10 pm in Milan Malpensa airport. Alitalia had organized the trip of the medical team from Havana to Italy, accepting the request of the Italian Prime Minister and the Department of Civil Protection.

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