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Alitalia: special flights from Mozambique, India and Czech Republic to repatriate Italian citizens and new cargo air services with China

Rome, 1 April 2020 – Alitalia continues to organize cargo flights with the purpose of transporting from China to Italy protective face masks and other medical equipment necessary to help Italian hospitals to manage the Covid-19 emergency.

The Italian airline will operate this week three cargo flights to and from Shanghai with Boeing 777, the aircraft with the largest cargo capacity among the Airline's fleet. The aircraft is stopping in Novosibirsk, Siberia, to alternate crews in service, in order to respect the restrictions put in force by the Chinese Authorities that impose the quarantine for travelers arriving from Italy, including the flight crews. The second special Alitalia cargo flight from China will land in Rome Fiumicino airport tomorrow morning, 2 April, at 5:15 am with over 120 cubic meters of medical supplies stowed, including 1.2 million of protective face masks and dozens of respirators for intensive care units.

In coordination with the Crisis Unit of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Alitalia also continues to organize special flights, even operating to and from airports not usually served by the Airline, in order to repatriate Italian citizens still stranded abroad.

A Boeing 777-200ER will take off this evening to Mozambique in order to retrieve in Maputo the employees of an oil company who will arrive in Rome Fiumicino in the evening of tomorrow, 2 April.

Another Boeing aircraft will arrive at Rome Fiumicino airport at 8:10 am on Friday 3 April from Goa (India) with 250 compatriots on board that have been repatriated as requested by the Italian Embassy in India.

Another special flight from Prague (Czech Republic) has been organized for Saturday 4 April and tickets for this special air service are already available on alitalia.com website.

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