Oman Air Cargo has launched a new cargo service connecting Muscat and Kigali, marking its first entry into Rwanda and expanding its presence in East Africa. The service, set to operate on Boeing 737 passenger aircraft from June 2026 pending regulatory approvals, is aimed at linking African exporters with markets in the Middle East, Europe, and the Indian subcontinent.

The flights will carry perishables and time-sensitive cargo, including fruits, vegetables, flowers, pharmaceuticals, and express shipments. Scheduled operations are expected to provide more reliable access for exporters compared with charter-dependent capacity, said Michael Duggan, Head of Cargo at Oman Air. “We are seeing strong, sustained demand between the Middle East and Africa, particularly for perishables and specialist cargo, and this route allows us to respond with additional capacity and reach,” Duggan said.

Cargo transported via Muscat will connect to a wide network across the Middle East, Europe, and South Asia, reinforcing the hub’s role as a key consolidation and transit point for African exports. Oman Air Cargo operates a fleet including Boeing 737 MAX and 787-9 aircraft, supported by its Muscat warehouse facility certified for fresh and pharmaceutical goods and equipped with temperature-controlled storage.

The launch is part of Oman Air Cargo’s broader strategy to provide African exporters with dependable international access while strengthening Muscat’s position as a global cargo hub.