

# Cape Town airport's cargo area upgraded

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The Cape Town International Airport has completed the upgrade of its cargo division at a cost of R18m in a bid to streamline its cargo operations.



The upgraded Cape Town International improves its cargo handling facilities. Image: [Cape Town Direct](#)

The upgrade included the widening of access roads to allow for easier access by heavy-duty vehicles. The staff and visitors parking entrances were separated after the upgrade.

Cape Town International has in the past year scooped several awards for excellence. Earlier this year it was awarded the Best Airport in Africa by the Airports Council International and it won the Best Airport in Africa for Staff Service Excellence at the Skytrax World Airport Awards.

Deborah Francis, acting communications manager at Cape Town International Airport said that the airport remains committed to providing world-class facilities that meet the needs of the companies and people that use its services.

"The upgrade of the cargo area included constructing four wheel-chair friendly delivery ramps. We ensure existing and new facilities within our airports meet the particular needs of disabled travellers as well as all airport users," Francis said.

Other improvements include the upgrade of the shaded parking facility.

"Safety and security is a priority at Cape Town International Airport. We have installed two turn-style gates at the staff parking and one gate for the visitor entrance," Francis said.

"We want an excellent access-controlled facility that keeps cars and cargo items safe when they are at the airport. Closed circuit television footage has been increased to monitor movement and each cargo handling company has its own cargo

distribution area to eliminate confusion," she said.

Francis said the airport's perimeter fencing had been upgraded to meet the specifications laid down by the National Key Points Act.

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