

Suparna looks to add new long-haul freighter services

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Suparna B747 Freighter aircrew cutting a ribbon at Hahn in August

Suparna Airlines, formerly Yangtze River Airlines and known in China as Jinpeng, has applied to open three new long-haul freighter services.

The Xi'an Xianyang International Airport-hubbed airline has applied to the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) to add two China-Europe services and one transpacific operation on the trade lane utilising B747F capacity by the end of the year.

One service would call Shanghai Pudong - Xi'an - Hahn - Erdos twice per week; a second would cover Shanghai Pudong - Zhengzhou - Brussels - Tianjin seven times per week; and the third Shanghai Pudong - Zhengzhou - Los Angeles - Tianjin seven times a week.

Feedback on the proposals is due by October 23.

The application follows the addition of a Shanghai - Xian - Frankfurt Hahn service in August.

The airline began leasing a B747F from Atlas Air Worldwide earlier this year.

The airline is a subsidiary of HNA Modern Logistics, which in turn is owned by the HNA Group. The group's airport arm recently invested in a majority stake in Hahn airport.