

# Amazon to launch air cargo service in US

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It could boost Amazon's standing with customers, especially during the heavy shopping of the end-of-the-year Christmas period.

Over the past two years both UPS and Fedex struggled with the high volume of goods ordered online to meet delivery commitments.

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"A dedicated, fully customized air cargo network can be a strong supplement to existing transportation and distribution resources," said ATSG chief executive Joe Hete in a statement.

"We are excited to serve Amazon customers by providing additional air cargo capacity and logistics support to ensure great shipping speeds for customers."

Dave Clark, Amazon senior vice president of worldwide operations and customer service, said the move was to "ensure air cargo capacity to support one and two-day delivery for customers."

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