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DHL Freight announces surcharge for peak season 2019

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DHL Freight, one of the leading providers of road freight services in Europe, today announced a Peak Season Surcharge effective September to December 2019. The surcharge of average 4% will apply to all full-truckload (FTL), part-truckload (PTL) and less than-truckload (LTL) transport in Europe. This enables DHL Freight to provide its customers with the highest quality of service even as demand continues to outpace available capacity.

"The shortage of drivers and constantly increasing road freight demand are further constraining the available capacity. We therefore expect capacity challenges similar in 2018. We have and will secure additional capacities for our customers. However, to ensure the high level of service quality and reliability our customers expect, we have to add a Peak Season Surcharge of average 4%," explains Martin Leopold, CSO DHL Freight.

To manage the growing capacity constraints, DHL Freight has also launched a driver recruitment initiative. The pilot project is currently running at five locations in Germany. More than 50 truck drivers have been hired, and 30 brand new high-technology trucks have been deployed so far. If the concept proves successful, DHL Freight will aim to create up to 500 new jobs in Europe. The even greater expected demand for this year's peak season clearly shows the need for such initiatives.

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