

# Media Release

## Passenger traffic decelerates to 3% growth year over year in September

**Montréal, 06 November 2012** – As a result of contractions in the domestic passenger markets of Europe and North America, global passenger traffic slowed to almost +3% for the month of September. With weak economic performance and continued uncertainty threatening the two regions, Europe and North America saw declines of -3.8% and -1% respectively in domestic passenger traffic. Major airports in the two regions such as Madrid (MAD), Dallas (DFW) and Las Vegas (LAS) saw declines of -9.5%, -3.9% and -3% respectively. On the other hand, major airports in emerging markets continue to counterbalance the slowdown from other regions with sustained demand for air transport. Istanbul (IST), Dubai (DXB), Jakarta (CGK) and Beijing (PEK) posted growth of +19.7%, +12.8%, +6.5% and +4.1% respectively.

While global freight traffic posted modest year-over-year growth for the month of September at +1.6%, the results across regions are mixed. Africa (-4.8%), Europe (-1.5%) and North America (-1.5%) all experienced declines whereas the Middle East (+6%), Asia-Pacific (+5.3%) and Latin America-Caribbean (+4.4%) achieved more robust growth figures. Of the thirty leading global freight airports in terms of traffic weighting, thirteen of them observed year-over-year declines. Albeit, the top three global freight hubs of Hong Kong (HKG), Shanghai (PVG) and Memphis (MEM) all posted positive growth of +6.8%, +2.2% and +1.9% respectively.

ACI World's Economics Director Rafael Echevarne commented, "On the whole, when we look at the last three quarters of 2012, passenger markets have remained relatively healthy despite the on-going risks and slowdown in the global economy. From January to September, overall year-over-year growth for the period was a reassuring +4.5%. Conversely, freight traffic continues to give a mixed picture from month to month. With an overall deterioration in international trade in 2012, it no surprise to see freight traffic in a sluggish state declining by -0.7% for the same period."

<b>TABLE 1: SUMMARY WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC RESULTS, September 2012 (% CHANGE)</b>			
	<b>September 2012 Over September 2011</b>	<b>Year to date 2012</b>	<b>12-month rolling year</b>
<i>PaxFlash</i>			
<b>International passenger</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Domestic passenger</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Total passenger</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<i>FreightFlash</i>			
<b>International freight</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>
<b>Domestic freight</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total freight</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>

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**Notes for editors**

**1. Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide association of airports, has 580 member airport authorities, which operate over 1,650 airports in 179 countries. ACI's mission is to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations, and this mandate is carried out through the organization's multiple training opportunities, as well as the customer service benchmarking programme, a wide range of conferences, industry statistical products and best practice publications.**

**2. PaxFlash and FreightFlash statistics are based on a significant sample of airports that provide regular monthly reports to ACI. They represent approximately 60% of total passenger traffic and 70% of total freight traffic worldwide. Commentary, tables and charts are based on preliminary data submitted by participating airports and are therefore subject to change.**

**3. Regional results and trend graphics are provided on the following pages.**

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**TABLE 2: PaxFlash Summary – September 2012**

Regions	SEPTEMBER 2012 (000s)	% YOY	YTD SEPTEMBER 2012 (000s)	% YOY	YE thru SEPTEMBER 2012 (000s)	% YOY
<b>International Passengers</b>						
AFR	6 424	6.7	53 031	14.4	69 365	7.1
ASP	34 730	6.9	320 414	9.7	420 998	8.6
EUR	94 312	3.3	735 928	3.1	943 978	3.6
LAC	6 791	3.2	70 234	5.1	92 269	5.8
MEA	10 330	10.7	90 548	12.4	118 353	11.1
NAM	16 305	4.4	154 431	3.4	199 513	3.2
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>168 893</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1 424 588</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1 844 477</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Domestic Passengers</b>						
AFR	2 901	(2.2)	25 361	(0.3)	34 505	(1.3)
ASP	53 732	4.1	481 060	6.6	639 261	6.4
EUR	25 020	(3.8)	208 908	(0.8)	276 480	0.1
LAC	17 676	11.3	159 470	10.3	210 571	9.6
MEA						
NAM	78 792	(1.0)	748 402	1.7	989 955	1.3
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>178 120</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1 623 201</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2 150 772</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Total Passengers</b>						
AFR	9 449	3.8	79 528	9.1	105 418	4.1
ASP	90 581	5.1	820 279	7.7	1 084 940	7.2
EUR	119 723	1.8	947 957	2.2	1 224 451	2.7
LAC	25 189	8.6	236 626	8.2	311 959	7.9
MEA	10 571	10.1	92 968	11.9	121 590	10.6
NAM	95 248	(0.2)	904 467	2.0	1 191 642	1.6
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>350 761</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3 081 825</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4 040 000</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Traffic table definitions:**

**PASSENGER TRAFFIC:** departing + arriving passengers (000s)

**INTERNATIONAL:** traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory

**DOMESTIC:** traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory

**TOTAL:** international + domestic passengers + direct transit passengers counted once (when breakdown is available)

*Regional summaries and totals are calculated from a representative sample. The values in 000s do not represent the entire global coverage of airports.*

**YOY** Year over year same month comparison

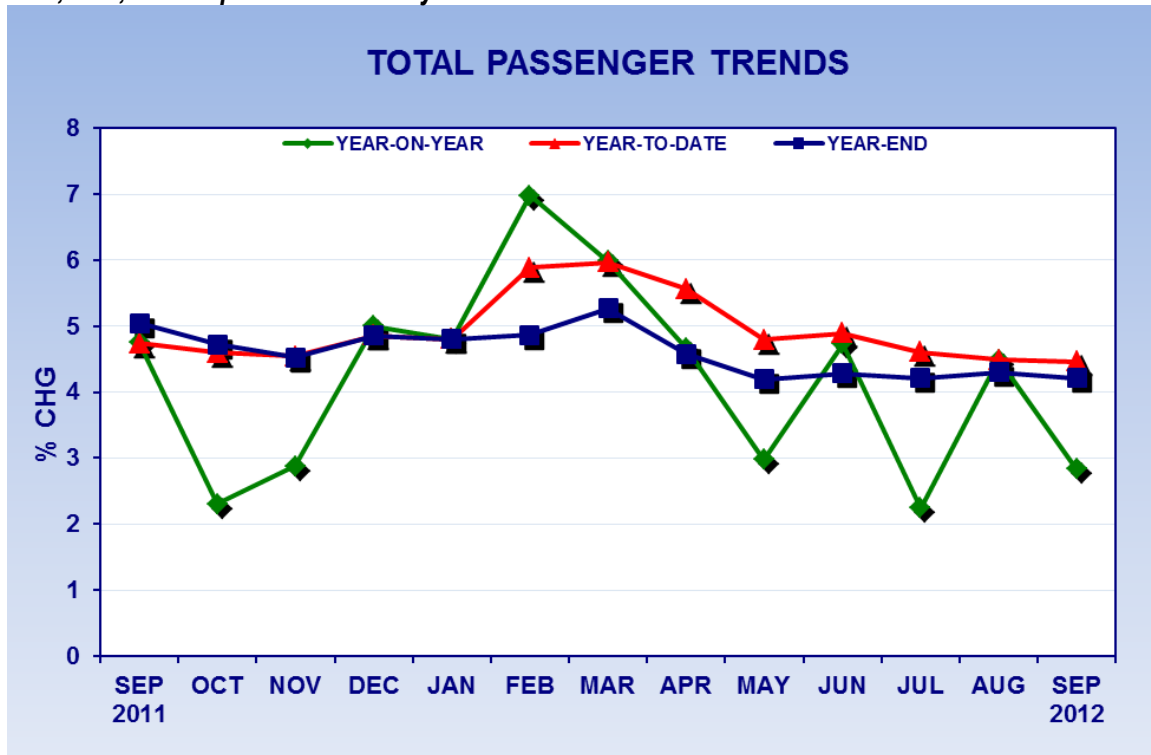
**YTD** Year to date, starting January 2012, compared to same period previous year

**YE** Year end, based on rolling 12 month period, compared to same prior 12 month period

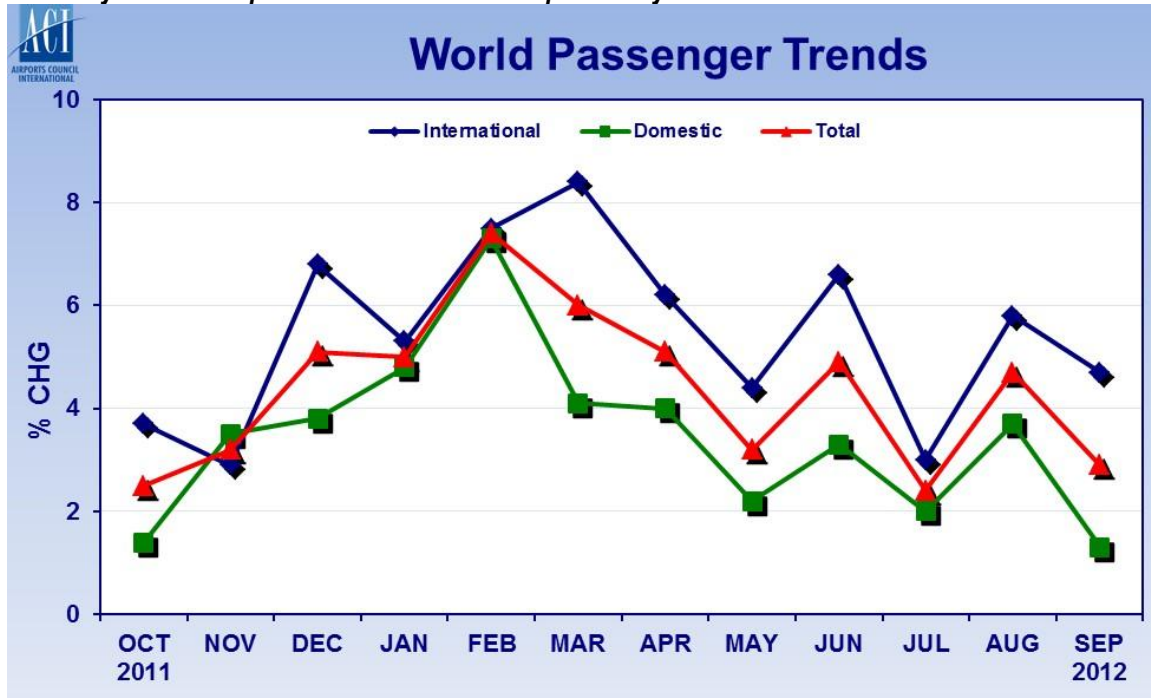
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## PASSENGER TRAFFIC CHARTS

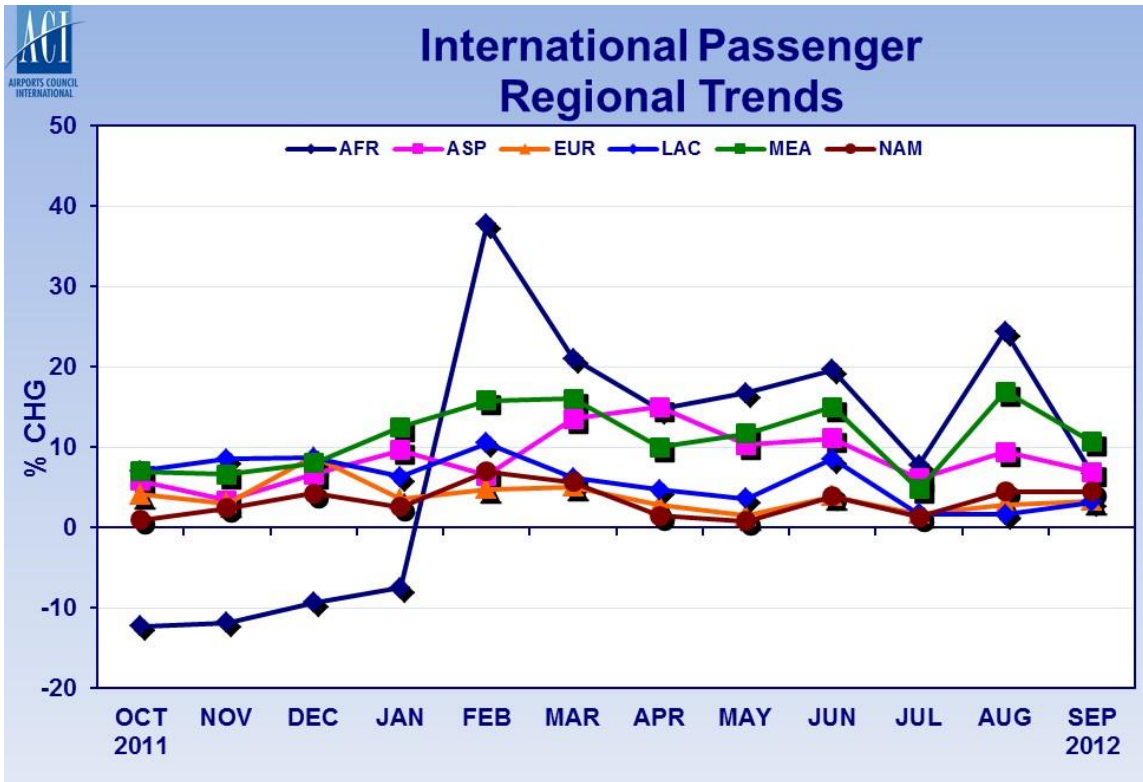
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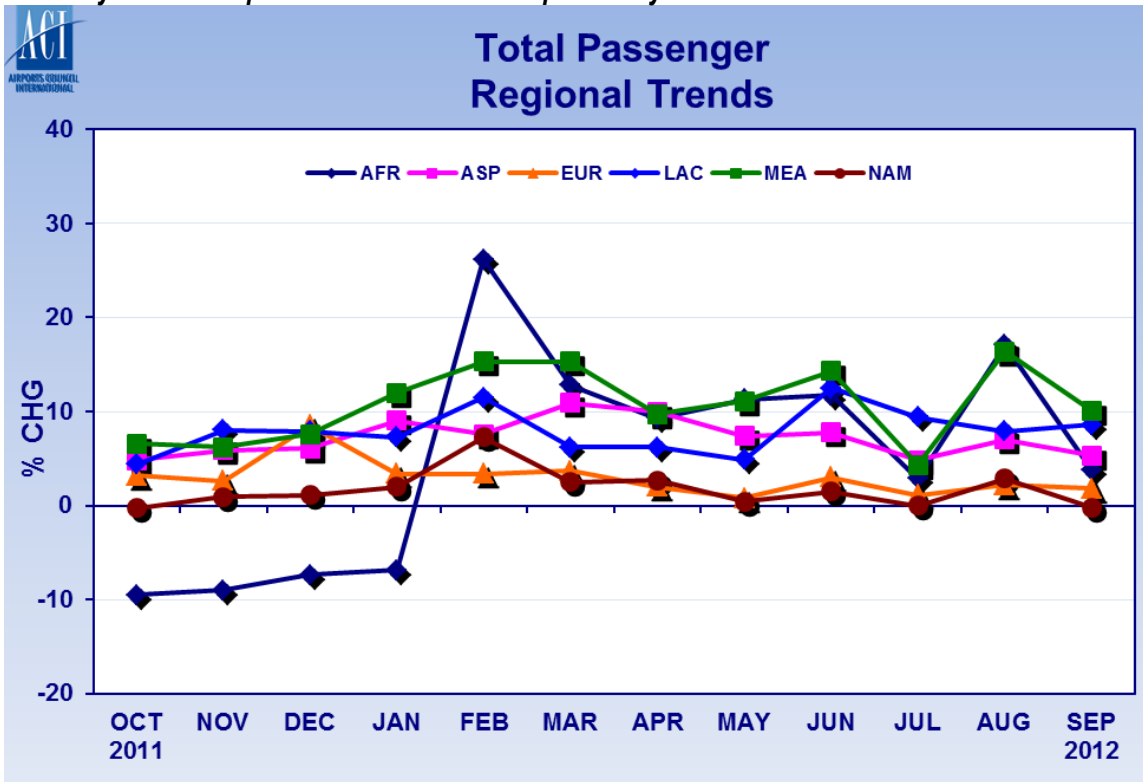
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**TABLE 3: FreightFlash Summary – September 2012**

Regions	SEPTEMBER 2012	% YOY	YTD SEPTEMBER 2012	% YOY	YE thru SEPTEMBER 2012	% YOY
<b>International Freight</b>						
AFR	43.1	(3.7)	382.4	3.0	518.8	5.4
ASP	1 551.2	4.7	13 396.6	(0.1)	17 980.2	(1.2)
EUR	1 166.7	(1.4)	10 105.9	(3.7)	11 744.4	(2.9)
LAC*	162.4	2.1	1 402.6	0.3	1 928.2	1.9
MEA	331.6	6.0	3 005.6	3.4	4 027.2	2.9
NAM	555.5	(0.2)	5 004.7	(1.3)	6 742.7	(1.4)
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>3 810.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>33 297.7</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>	<b>42 941.5</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>
<b>Domestic Freight</b>						
AFR	2.8	(20.6)	28.1	(1.5)	37.4	0.0
ASP	588.0	6.8	4 588.0	2.2	6 270.9	2.5
EUR	58.1	(5.0)	478.5	(1.9)	607.6	(1.1)
LAC*	77.6	9.4	638.8	0.3	882.9	1.6
MEA						
NAM	1 020.5	(2.0)	9 241.1	(0.6)	12 510.2	(1.3)
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>1 747.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>14 974.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>20 309.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Freight</b>						
AFR	49.6	(4.8)	449.7	2.2	607.8	4.4
ASP	2 139.2	5.3	17 984.8	0.5	24 253.4	(0.3)
EUR	1 236.2	(1.5)	10 947.4	(3.4)	14 834.2	(3.4)
LAC*	240.1	4.4	2 041.4	0.3	2 811.1	1.8
MEA	331.7	6.0	3 006.6	3.4	4 028.6	2.9
NAM	1 624.0	(1.5)	14 693.0	(1.0)	19 852.1	(1.4)
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>5 620.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>49 122.8</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	<b>66 387.1</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>

**Traffic table definitions:**

**FREIGHT TRAFFIC:** loaded and unloaded freight; data in metric tonnes

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**DOMESTIC:** traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory

**TOTAL:** international + domestic freight (when breakdown is available)

Note: No domestic freight traffic is reported by airports in the Middle East region.

\*Data estimated for Brazilian airports

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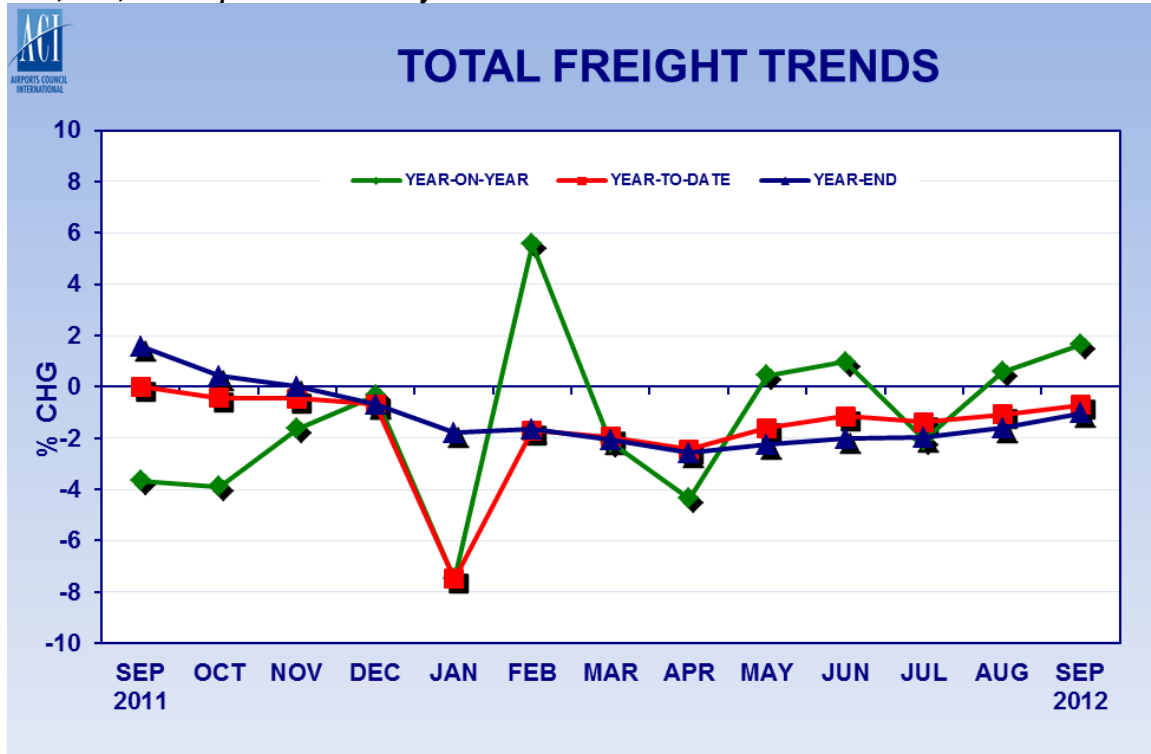
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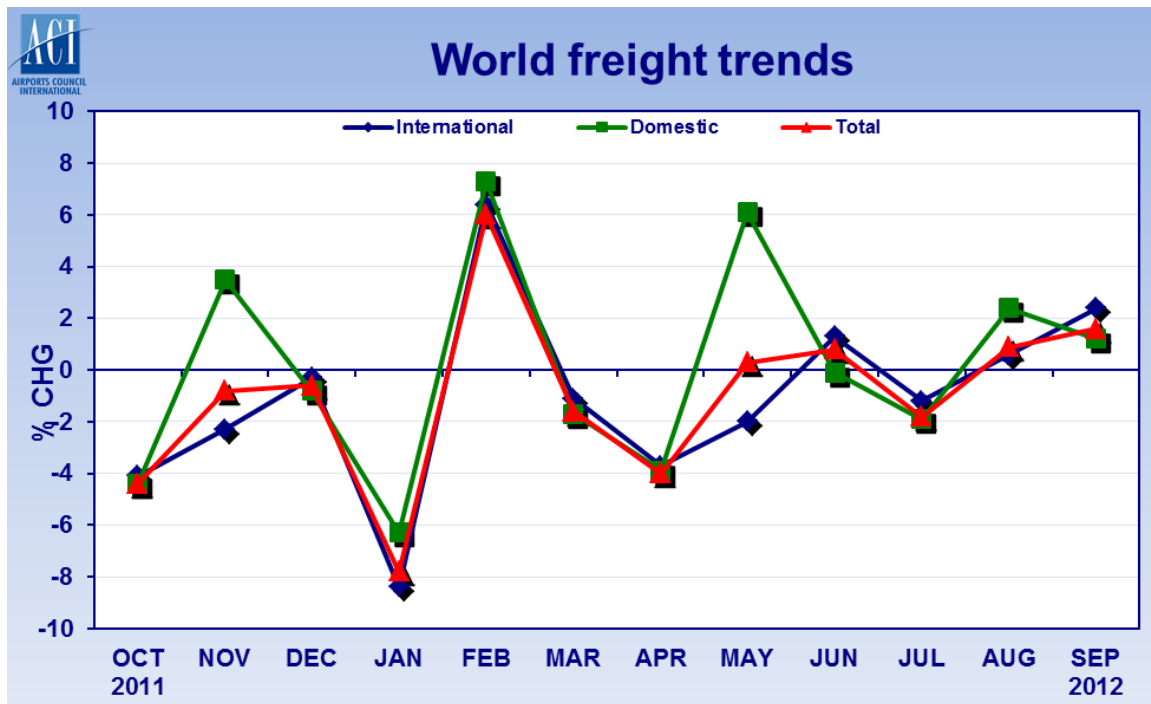
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## Freight Traffic Trend Charts

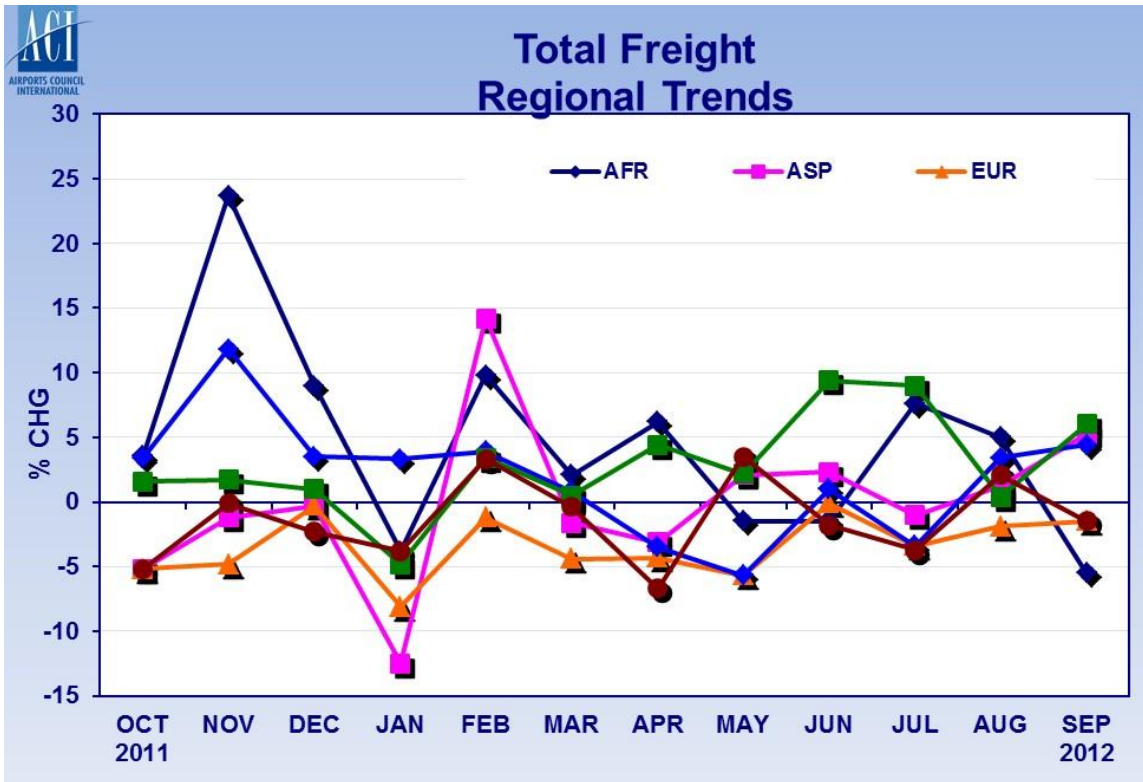
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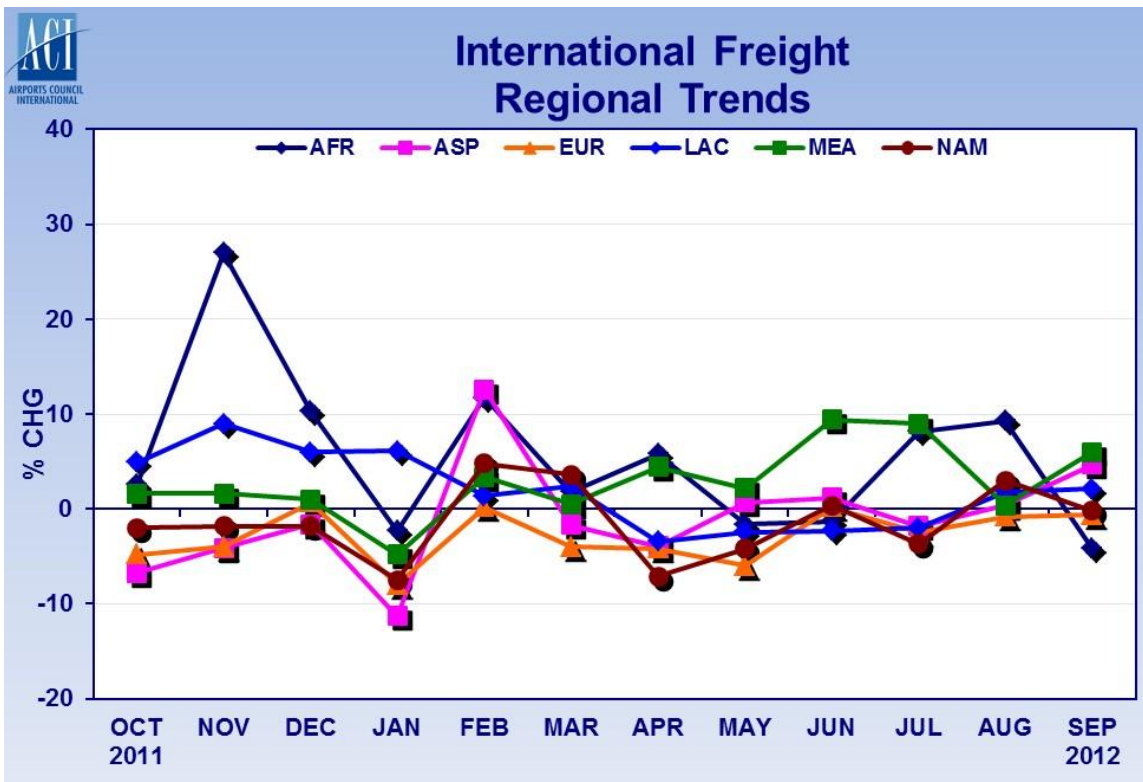
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