

Fedex drops plan to start a weekly cargo service to Cuba



Miami, January 4 (RHC)-- U.S. airfreight company FedEx has dropped plans to start a five-times-a-week cargo service between Miami and Varadero, in the province of Matanzas, Cuba.

In a letter to the US Department of Transportation the express giant said it is returning its five-weekly frequencies "effective immediately" as it evaluates alternative all-cargo service options to Cuba.

The express firm had applied for several extensions to the stipulated start-up date of services as it struggled to secure providers of air operation support services, Customs clearance and ground delivery.

FedEx was originally given permission in July 2016 to launch services between Cuba and the US, with a specified start date of April 2017.

Relations between the US and Cuba have cooled since then after President Barack Obama, who sought to build a closer relationship with the country, left office.

His successor, President Donald Trump, has renewed decades old hostility against the island and has reinforced the economic blockade.



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