

Emirates powers flights with SAF from Singapore

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Dubai : Emirates has begun using sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) as part of its fuel agreement with Neste on flights departing from Singapore Changi Airport, marking its inaugural SAF investment in Asia. Approximately 3.3 million litres of blended SAF have been integrated into the fuelling system of Changi airport over the course of the last few weeks.

About the development, Adel Al Redha, Deputy President and Chief Operations Officer, Emirates said, "Emirates' investment into Neste-produced SAF in Singapore marks a first step forward in our SAF adoption in Asia, a region that is primed to become a leading supplier of SAF, which continues to be in short supply. While the activation of this agreement marks a milestone in our SAF journey in a new region, there's still a lot of work to do. And as we procure SAF for the short term, we've got our sights set on longer-term agreements to help scale up a steady supply of SAF for our operations."

The SAF being provided by Neste is produced from sustainably sourced and 100 per cent renewable waste as well as residue raw materials, including used cooking oil and animal fat waste.

SAF used as part of this agreement can be safely used in existing Emirates aircraft and airport fuelling infrastructure and in neat form reduces lifecycle carbon emissions (CO₂) by up to 80 per cent compared to using conventional jet fuel.

Alexander Kueper, Vice President, Renewable Aviation Business, Neste said, "We are excited Emirates has started using our Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel at Changi Airport as the next step in our cooperation. It makes Emirates the first international visiting carrier using SAF at the airport produced at our Singapore refinery and supplied into the airport via our integrated supply chain. We are looking forward to continuing working together on scaling up the supply of SAF for Emirates' operations.'

Earlier this year, the airline closely collaborated with Neste for the supply of 2.6 million litres of neat SAF in the fuelling systems of Amsterdam Schiphol airport.