special cargo, special solutions
Transportation of special cargo is one of Korean Air’s expertise

We are particularly proud of our high standards and quality services in transporting special shipments. Since inception in 1969, Korean Air Cargo has handled nearly every commodity imaginable - from fresh tulips to dolphins, from tiny electronic chips to gigantic oil drilling equipment. Variation is well designed to offer new solutions for you, utilizing our long accumulated knowledge and confidence in specialized cargo handling.
A range of eleven Variation products specifically meet the needs of each type of goods, guaranteeing quality service at all times.

Variation-ART is designed for handling precious works of art, focusing on protection from humidity, shock and water damage.

Variation-BIG is designed to accommodate extremely oversized or heavy pieces that require freighter aircraft.

Variation-DGR is a specialty product for the dangerous goods shipment, designed under strict compliance with IATA standards and regulations.

Variation-FASHION is dedicated to the shipment of garment on hangers and provides special sealed containers for quick delivery.

Variation-FRESH is designed to meet the needs of shippers handling temperature-sensitive cargo: FRESH 1, 2, 3.

Variation-LIVE is designed to ensure the safety and health of live animals.

Variation-SAFE is designed for handling cargo of high value: SAFE 1, 2.

Variation-WHEELS is designed for motorized vehicles ranging from motorcycles to automobiles.
Variation-ART provides specialized logistical service to transport artwork in optimum conservation and security conditions

- Handled with special care during ground transportation at each airport to ensure minimum impact.
- Customers can be allowed to watch entire ground handling processes.
- “Sensitive” label shall be used for the inspection with utmost care.
- Priority is given over general cargo in loading.
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-BIG is the solution for transportation of big & heavy cargo with our accumulated, professional know-how

- We offer particularly robust facilities and logistical capabilities to handle and transport big & heavy cargo.

- Our experts arrange the suitable cargo plane, and find a solution for the speedy and safe loading & unloading of the shipments before carriage.

- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.

- A consignment is classified as Variation-BIG, if the consignment meets any of the following criteria;
  - Maximum weight on 20ft pallet 11,364 kg (25,000 lbs)
  - Maximum length 6.05 m (238.5 inch)
  - Maximum width 2.65 m (104 inch)
  - Maximum weight per linear metre 3,000 kg/m
  - Maximum weight per square metre 2,000 kg/m²
Variation-DGR is specially designed for the carriage of dangerous goods

- Qualified experts perform checks on your dangerous goods from acceptance to delivery, and provide maximum security for dangerous goods in strict compliance with IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

- Dangerous goods prohibited on passenger flights can be transported safely on cargo aircraft.

- Dangerous goods are stored in a designated area separately from other cargo.

- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-FASHION provides a system for transporting garments on hangers specially designed to meet the needs of high-class fashion industry and ready-to-wear fashion manufacturers

- Specially designed, secured containers (GOH) are provided for your garments.
- The whole container is allocated for your shipment.
- Variation-FASHION shipments are ready for delivery within 3 hours after actual time of arrival.
- Priority is given over general cargo in loading.
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation FRESH 1 offers the ideal solution for perishables requiring automatic temperature control throughout entire route

- Kooltainer (Korean Air’s temperature-controlled units) are designed to keep products cool or deep frozen, with no interruption in the cool chain. The temperature can be set and maintained between -20° and +20° for up to 72 hours.

- Qualified staff handle Kooltainer and monitor temperature throughout entire route.

- Swift delivery: ready for delivery within 3 hours of actual arrival time. (Delivery time can vary from station to station.)

- Priority is given from booking to delivery throughout the entire carriage.

- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-FRESH 2 preserves the quality of your temperature sensitive perishables

- Perishables benefit from the usage of refrigeration facilities and equipment.
- Priority is given over general cargo in ground handling.
- Swift delivery: ready for delivery within 3 hours of actual arrival time. (Delivery time can vary from station to station.)
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-FRESH 3 is for perishables requiring basic or standard handling procedures

- Economical solution for transportation of perishables.
- Protection against external temperatures. (Direct sun, snow, rain, etc.)
- Priority is given over general cargo in ground handling.
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Your live animals are guaranteed our special attention and care

- Professional care provided by dedicated staff depending on the species and shipper’s instructions.
- Special facilities and equipment for the well being of each live animal.
- Physical verification of the conditions of the Live Animals throughout the entire route.
- Attendants can accompany their animals on board to personally care for them.
- Swift delivery: ready for delivery within 3 hours of actual arrival time. (Delivery time can vary from station to station.)
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-SAFE 1 guarantees security service for highly valuable cargo such as jewelry, gold, bank notes, credit cards and travelers checks

- Protection of valuables throughout the entire route.
- Escort service on ramp.
- For the air transport, securely sealed containers are used.
- On the ground, until flight departure or until pick up, goods are stored in vault of safe.
- Swift delivery: ready for delivery within 3 hours of actual arrival time. (Delivery time can vary from station to station.)
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-SAFE 2 is ideal for vulnerable goods of high commercial value and shipments that require special handling and service

- Warehouse storage is under constant supervision.
- Pre-arrangement and confirmation for security in entire route.
- “Sensitive” label shall be used for the inspection to take utmost care.
- Priority is given over general cargo in ground handling.
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
Variation-WHEELS is a solution designed specifically to transport all types of vehicles, including automobiles

- Shippers can get a verification of loadability on the Korean Air Cargo website.
- Qualified staff at departure, transit and destination check the shipments with “Car Check List”.
- Specially designed equipment like 20ft pallets, strap and chock make possible to airlift all types of vehicle.
- Notification of arrival is given to the consignee at destination over the phone.
The SkyTeam Cargo airlines - Aeromexico Cargo, Air France Cargo, Alitalia Cargo, Delta Air Logistics, CSA Cargo and Korean Air Cargo - are working together to be the most effective, customer-oriented cargo group in the world.

Cargo customers have access to a combined fleet of 1,226 aircrafts making 8,217 daily flights to 512 different destinations in 114 countries.

SkyTeam Cargo is aiming to provide one-stop service for customers by using a worldwide extensive network.

The future of SkyTeam Cargo is written for and around the customers.