
Onboard Logistics celebrates Atlas Flex-e-Bag's 15th anniversary

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Onboard Logistics' Atlas Flex-e-Bag and Flex-e-Drawer in action

Irish company [Onboard Logistics Ltd.](#) is celebrating 15 years of exhibiting its Mercury-Award-winning [Atlas Flex-e-Bag](#) waste management system.

The company notes that after September 11 airlines radically changed their approach to inflight service. They required more waste trolleys and less meal trolleys and, as a result of all the cost cutting, airlines were reluctant to spend money on catering equipment.

This is where Onboard Logistics came in: how could airlines use meal trolleys as waste trolleys?

Tommy Walsh was a design engineer who Nicky Beades, Managing Director of Onboard Logistics, had worked with previously on Aer Lingus projects. After a brainstorming session, the Atlas Flex-e-Bag concept was born.

Onboard Logistics brought the patented and registered design product to the marketplace at the International Travel Catering Association and the International Flight Services Association expos in 2004. Based on interest and feedback from airline delegates, Beades and Walsh decided to set up a business, and so Onboard Logistics was born.

The Atlas Flex-e-Bag product is manufactured and distributed under license by Onboard's business partner Mediplast Ltd. in County Carlow, Ireland, and the company reports that sales continue to be strong, year after year.

In addition, after listening to airline delegates at the [World Travel Catering & Onboard Services Expo](#) and [Aircraft Interiors Expo](#), who expressed they are looking for more galley space, Onboard Logistics decided to investigate the re-design of the Atlas Drawer. Various concepts were produced and shown to delegates for feedback at recent WTCE/AIX events.

From the feedback, the company developed the Atlas Flex-e-Drawer. This solution creates value-added space in food trolleys as the drawers nest into each other when empty, allowing a Flex-e-Bag to be used in their place. This converts the food trolley into a waste management solution, saving space that would otherwise be taken up by an additional trolley.

Using both products can give airlines the option to remove waste trolleys from their flights altogether, creating extra space for revenue-generating trolleys

Onboard Logistics Ltd. will be displaying new concepts for waste segregation and recycling at this year's WTCE. Visit their team at stand 3C45, beside the Taste of Travel Theatre.