

Philatelic history of Lufthansa

Relaunch of Lufthansa

LUFTAG (Aktiengesellschaft für Luftverkehrsbedarf) was founded on January 6, 1953 with the participation of North Rhine-Westphalia, the federal government and the Deutsche Bundesbahn. In November 1953, pilot and flight attendant training began for the first flight crew. On August 6, 1954, the ordinary general meeting of LUFTAG decided to change the name of LUFTAG to "Deutsche Lufthansa AG".

On September 17, 1954, LUFTAG acquired the trademark rights of the old "Deutsche Lufthansa AG in Liquidation" including the crane logo and flag. In 1955, the Allies authorized the new Deutsche Lufthansa to purchase four Convair CV-340s and, a little later, four Super Constellations. On March 1, 1955, test traffic could begin.

With the start of scheduled air traffic within West Germany on April 1, 1955, initially four Convair CV-340 were used. The first connections existed between Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Cologne/Bonn, Frankfurt and Munich.

In the preparation to the Lufthansa's restart German postal administration issued the series of post stamps designed by Felix Müller and Karl Oskar Blase.



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Ger.Mi:DR206a 31.Mar.1955



Ger.Mi:DR207a 31.Mar.1955



Ger.Mi:DR208a 31.Mar.1955



Cover from the 1st flight of relaunched Lufthansa on 1st April 1955 from Hamburg to Bonn