

QATAR AIRWAYS CARGO ANNOUNCES QR PHARMA EXPANSION

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Advanced passive Va-Q-tec container technology transportation service added

Australia's Perth announced as cargo carrier's 54th global Pharma station

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MUNICH, Germany - Qatar Airways Cargo announced a series of enhancements to its QR Pharma service on 6 May 2015 during its attendance at Air Cargo Europe, Germany, following the overwhelming success of the product in the 12 months since its launch.

Qatar Airways Cargo has flown 14.1 million kilos of Pharma products following the launch of QR Pharma in January 2014. The airline, which became the world's fifth largest cargo carrier in January 2015, in FTKs, has rapidly expanded its presence in the pharmaceutical airfreight sector establishing 4.1% of the European east bound market within its first year of operating in the niche sector.

Mr. Ulrich Ogiermann, Qatar Airways Chief Officer Cargo said, "We are proud to be the world's fifth largest cargo carrier and to offer our customers the reliability, quality and unrivalled service that are possible as a result of our global presence.

"The pharmaceutical industry is witnessing rapid growth each year, and with rising demand there is the need to ensure that pharmaceuticals and healthcare products are transported with the utmost care while avoiding any temperature fluctuations.

"Qatar Airways Cargo offers healthcare companies and their logistic partners a state-of-the-art service for shipping temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals all over the world, while maintaining the integrity and quality of their products throughout the supply chain. We have recently secured contracts with two multinational pharmaceutical companies Novartis and Alcon.

"We are growing our pharmaceutical business and the achievements we have made within the first 12 months of the QR Pharma product launch have exceeded our expectations. Our success has been achieved by offering customers a unique product that utilises innovative technology and is supported by a dedicated team of experts who deliver a service to the highest standards."

Qatar Airways Cargo will be further supporting pharmaceutical customers with the addition of Va-Q-tec container technology; a new QR Pharma advanced passive transportation method that complements Qatar Airways Cargo's existing Envirotainer and CSafe active containers to offer customers a flexible airfreight solution.

Perth, Australia has also been announced as Qatar Airways Cargo's 54th global QR Pharma station further extending the airline's cool chain network. The carrier's worldwide transportation of temperature-sensitive cargo is further enhanced by Qatar Airways state-of-the-art cargo facility at Hamad International Airport, Doha. The cargo terminal has the capacity to handle 1.4 million tonnes of cargo annually. It is one of the largest in the world, and offers an advanced air cargo handling system capable of accommodating 1,005 Unit Load Devices and 5,000 consignment cages.

As an industry leader, Qatar Airways Cargo offers the fastest global airline transfer at Doha through its Quick Ramp Transfer (QRT) solution. It is the only carrier in the Middle East to offer refrigerated or 'reefer' truck services for ramp transfers at its home hub. Sensitive commodities are collected from and delivered directly to the aircraft by specialised temperature controlled vehicles, ensuring the cool chain process is seamless, thereby eliminating risk to temperature exposure.

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About Qatar Airways Cargo

Qatar Airways Cargo serves more than 45 exclusive freighter destinations worldwide via its Doha hub and also delivers freight to 146 key business and leisure destinations globally on 156 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet now includes six Airbus 330 and eight Boeing 777 freighters. In April 2015 Qatar Airways Cargo started its operation to Los Angeles. Qatar Airways Cargo has become the world's fifth largest cargo carrier in January 2015, in FTKs.

At the Dubai Airshow 2013, Qatar Airways placed a firm order for five new Airbus A330-200 Freighter aircraft. Also included in the order were eight additional A330-200F options, for a total of 13 aircraft. At the Farnborough AirShow 2014, Qatar Airways ordered four B777 Freighters and options for four more.

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