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Swiss WorldCargo's ground handling partner Cargologic obtains CEIV certification at Zurich Airport

Swiss WorldCargo's ground handling partner Cargologic obtained certification as a "Center of Excellence for Independent Validators" (CEIV) from IATA for the handling of pharmaceutical products at Zurich Airport. The certification further assures cool chain integrity to customers throughout Swiss WorldCargo global network.

The temperature-controlled handling of pharmaceutical products is becoming increasingly challenging owing to global regulatory conditions. The Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics (CEIV Pharma) was created by IATA to support the air transport industry in complying with pharmaceutical manufacturers' requirements.

The industry identified a need to build a network of certified pharmaceutical trade lanes that meet consistent standards and assure product integrity. With the pharmaceutical sector being one of the key driving forces of the Swiss economy, the volumes of pharmaceutical and biotech shipments being transported via Zurich Airport – transfer shipments in particular – is ever increasing; Swiss WorldCargo Zurich's ground handling partner Cargologic is continuously investing in the development of a leading-edge technical and operating expertise to better serve the needs of the Swiss pharmaceutical industry.

"Besides the regulatory landscape becoming more and more complex when it comes to the transportation of pharmaceutical products, the industry demands for more and more customised solutions and we believe that with our vertical industry approach and the choice of the right business partners such as Cargologic we are on the right track to meet the needs of the industry," comments Susanne Wellauer, Vertical Industry Manager Pharma & Healthcare. "With Cargologic completing the CEIV process, we can now offer pharmaceutical handling excellence at Zurich Hub and meet our customers' needs for more safety, security, compliance and efficiency."

Before the CEIV Certification, another two crucial milestones were achieved in the last two years by Cargologic: in 2014, our ground handling partner was awarded the GDP compliance from Swissmedic (the Swiss drug registration institution) and, last April, cold storage facilities were expanded, to meet the quantitative and qualitative capacity requirements for the storage of temperature-sensitive shipments.

Swiss WorldCargo is the airfreight division of Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS). Headquartered at Zurich Airport, Swiss WorldCargo offers a comprehensive range of logistics solutions for transporting high-value and care-intensive consignments to some 130 destinations in over 80 countries. Its extensive network of air cargo services is supplemented by daily truck connections between key business centres. As a reliable and innovative service provider within the Lufthansa Group, Swiss WorldCargo is committed to delivering consistently Swiss quality to its airfreight customers, and makes a substantial contribution to SWISS's overall profitability. For more information, please visit swissworldcargo.com.

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