



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Yusen Logistics – the first air freight forwarder at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to be awarded IATA-CEIV Pharma certification**

Yusen Logistics Benelux is the first air freight forwarder at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to be awarded the prestigious IATA-CEIV Pharma certification.

Working alongside aviation industry stakeholders and regulators, IATA created the *Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics (IATA CEIV Pharma)*. This program provides guidelines to help organizations and the entire air cargo supply chain to achieve consistent excellence in pharmaceutical airfreight handling.

Over the past decades, the safe transportation of pharmaceutical products for customers worldwide has always been a top priority for Yusen Logistics. In order to take its Pharma Gateway Amsterdam operation beyond GDP\* compliance and to meet the highest possible quality standards in global pharmaceutical air freight, Yusen Logistics Benelux has participated in the IATA-CEIV Pharma certification program. The company's work in this area and its investment in both people and equipment have now been rewarded with the achievement of IATA-CEIV certification.

Etienne Vesseur, Deputy General Manager Air Freight Forwarding of Yusen Logistics Benelux commented: *'IATA CEIV-certification underlines Yusen Logistics' total commitment to safe transportation of high-value temperature and time sensitive shipments of pharmaceuticals. We are very excited as one of the first logistics companies in the Netherlands to be able to offer our customers this premium airfreight service'*.

Yusen Logistics participates in the joint Schiphol Cargo and Air Cargo Netherlands program to become the Preferred European Pharma Gateway, which was launched at the IATA World Cargo Symposium in Berlin on March 16, 2016. The Pharma Gateway Amsterdam concept stands for quality, transparency, innovation, efficiency and the best connections in pharmaceutical airfreight.

Jonas van Stekelenburg, Head of Cargo of Amsterdam Schiphol Airport Cargo said: *Schiphol Cargo congratulates Yusen Logistics on being awarded the IATA CEIV certificate. This certification represents IATA confirmation of Yusen Logistics' proven capability to handle, store and transport medicines and other pharmaceutical products with extreme care. A well-deserved achievement! We are very happy with this next stage in the Schiphol initiative "Pharma Gateway Amsterdam" that has been CEIV certified.*

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\*GDP: Good Distribution Practice; rules and regulations for distribution of medicines.

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Photo: the Yusen Logistics Schiphol team with Certificate. From left to right: Etienne Vesseur (Deputy General Manager), Johan Drijsen (Customer Service Manager), Said Aharchaoui (Export Manager), Jeroen Over (Warehouse Manager) and Perry van Maris (Import Manager)

## **ABOUT YUSEN LOGISTICS**

Yusen Logistics is a leading provider of contract logistics and air/ocean freight forwarding. Offering a truly global, total logistics service, the company provides warehousing, distribution, freight forwarding and supply chain management services. The company's European region employs some 4,300 employees and operates 76 facilities with over 700,000 m2 of warehousing space throughout Europe, from Spain to Russia. The global headquarters of Yusen Logistics is Tokyo, with other regional headquarters for East Asia, South Asia/Oceania and the Americas

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