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SWISSPORT GROWS ITS PHARMA BUSINESS AND OPENS NEW COOLING FACILITY AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Swissport International is further investing in its pharma logistics business. Earlier this month, the world's leading provider of airport ground services and air cargo handling, opened its newest warehouse for temperature-controlled cargo at Dublin Airport.

Swissport is growing its network of temperature-controlled warehouses with the latest opening of a 400 sqm facility at Dublin Airport, the first of its size at the Irish capital's airport. The new cold storeroom is fully dedicated to pharmaceuticals, being able to hold up to 200 palettes. With the opening, Swissport significantly adds handling capacity for major pharmaceutical suppliers in the region and supports Ireland's position as one of the largest net exporters of medicinal and pharmaceutical products within the EU.

"We are delighted to open this brand-new facility which will play a vital role in the supply chain of pharmaceutical goods in Ireland", says Karen Cox, Managing Director and CEO of Swissport in the UK and Ireland. "Our customers from the pharmaceutical industry can now also rely on our professional services for temperature-controlled freight at Dublin Airport, supporting them with high quality handling services along the cool chain."

The facility has been built in partnership with Celtic Cooling and consistently operates between 15 to 25 degrees Celsius. It has been sensitively designed to minimise environmental impact via cooling technology that relies on propane gas (R290) for the tempering of the storage area. Compared to other refrigerants, propane has a very low global warming potential (GWP). The warehouse also has an additional unit capable of operating between two to eight degrees.

At Dublin Airport, Swissport offers ground handling and air cargo services to more than 45 airline customers. Last year, the company served 5 million passengers, and handled 44,000 tons of cargo, with a workforce of some 700 employees.

In 2022, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 186 million airline passengers (2021: 97 million) and handled roughly 4.8 million tons of air freight (2021: 5.1 million) at 117 air cargo centers worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. At the end of 2022, the world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 50,000 employees, was active at 292 airports in 45 countries on six continents.

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