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## **LIEGE, BELGIUM, AND TORONTO, CANADA, JOIN SWISSPORT'S GROWING NETWORK OF PHARMA CENTERS**

Swissport's air cargo centers at Liège Airport (LGG) in Belgium and Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) in Canada have been certified to IATA's CEIV Pharma standard. Worldwide, the company now operates 21 Swissport Pharma Centers and more than 70 pharma-capable air cargo facilities.

Swissport's cargo facilities at Liège Airport (LGG) in Belgium and Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) in Canada have obtained IATA's CEIV Pharma certification, marking the company's 16th and 17th certifications for pharma warehousing. Liège is Swissport's second CEIV Pharma-certified facility in Belgium after Brussels. It is also the second certified cargo location in Canada: In 2018, Swissport was recognized as the first CEIV Pharma-certified air cargo handler in Canada with its operations at Montréal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL).

The new Swissport Pharma Center in Liège is part of a larger air cargo facility totaling some 6,000 sqm. It comprises two temperature-controlled storage units which operate at temperature ranges of 02-08° C and 15-25° C. Each cool room has an area of 180 sqm and can hold up to 15 unit load devices. In Toronto, the Swissport Pharma Center is part of a 4,825 sqm cargo facility. It also comprises two cool rooms operating at ranges of 02-08°C and 15-25°C. Each cool room can hold up to 40 skids or three PMC pallets.

"We are thrilled to see Liège join Swissport's growing network of Pharma Centers," says Dirk Goovaerts, CEO of Continental Europe, Middle East and Africa, and Global Cargo Chair at Swissport. "This latest CEIV certification in Liege, where Swissport operates a state-of-the-art pharma center with end-to-end refrigeration solutions, is testament to our infrastructure investment and the operational expertise of our team. Our capabilities in Liège - one of the leading hubs for pharmaceutical shipments in Europe - perfectly complement our established offering in Brussels, Belgium, and other European pharma centers such as Frankfurt, Germany, and Basel, Switzerland.

"The CEIV Pharma certification of our cargo operation at Toronto Airport is a recognition of the efforts and investments that went towards upgrading our infrastructure, refining our process and upskilling our teams," says Charles Roberge, CEO of Swissport Canada. "It solidifies Swissport's leader role in pharma handling in Canada."

Around the world, Swissport is successfully expanding its presence in pharmaceuticals handling. June marked the opening of a new 400-sqm facility for temperature-controlled cargo at Dublin Airport in Ireland. And in May, the Swissport air cargo center at Barcelona-El Prat Airport renewed its CEIV Pharma certification. In addition, the Swissport cargo center at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya, was also expanded to include a new 750-sqm cold storeroom. The company now operates 21 Swissport Pharma Centers, complemented by 74 pharma-capable air cargo warehouses and plans to bring additional facilities under its Pharma Center brand.

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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 June 2023, the world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 57,000 employees, was active at 294 airports in 44 countries on six continents.

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