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## **SWISSPORT CELEBRATES A RETURN TO LONDON HEATHROW TERMINAL 4 WITH NEW AIR MALTA HANDLING CONTRACT**

Swissport has won Air Malta's ground handling business at London Heathrow's prestigious Terminal 4. The contract with Air Malta marks a significant milestone in Swissport's strategy to increase its presence at one of the world's busiest airports.

The new contract between Swissport and Air Malta covers a comprehensive range of airport ground services including check-in, gate services as well as ramp and baggage handling. It becomes effective on September 1 with aircraft cleaning services being added from October. Swissport already provides carriers with a diverse range of services at Terminal 2 and supports a wide number of airlines across the airport with cleaning services.

Karen Cox, CEO for Swissport UK and Ireland says: "We are delighted that Air Malta has put its trust in us to deliver best-in-class ground services for their passengers. This agreement will lay the foundations for Swissport's long-term presence at Terminal 4 as we continue to grow our footprint at the airport."

"As the fourth busiest airport in the world, London Heathrow plays a pivotal role in global aviation as a hub for international travelers and cargo operations," Cox adds. "We are excited to see what opportunities our return to Terminal 4 brings for our business and our dedicated teams on the ground."

Air Malta has been the national airline for Malta since 1974, flying two million passengers per year, many of whom have chosen the island as a vacation destination. Swissport will be supporting 16 flights per week, seven days a week during the summer, and 14 flights per week during the winter.

At Heathrow Airport, in addition to airport ground services and aircraft cleaning, Swissport offers air cargo handling to more than 35 airline customers. Last year, the company served over 1.3 million passengers, and handled more than 260,000 tons of air cargo, with a workforce of 653 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. 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 at the end of June 2023.

**About Air Malta** ([www.airmalta.com](http://www.airmalta.com))

Air Malta is the national flag carrier of the Maltese Islands. Since 1974 it has played a vital role in supporting the national economic, social and cultural development of the Islands by ensuring stable and regular passenger and cargo connectivity within Europe and beyond. Air Malta is key for Malta's connectivity, currently contributing to 26% of traffic and ensuring all-year round operations to more than 20 European cities and major airports.

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