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SWISSPORT LAUNCHES CARGO OPERATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

Swissport has launched air cargo handling operations in Australia, commencing services at Sydney Airport earlier this month. The expansion into the cargo segment will complement Swissport's successful ground services business and is part of the company's growth strategy in Australia, New Zealand and across Asia Pacific.

Swissport International AG, the global leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, is complementing its offering in Australia with air cargo handling. The launch of the new business line at Sydney Airport (SYD) earlier this month is part of Swissport's overall growth strategy in the region, following the acquisition of the Australian airport ground handler Aerocare in 2018. Swissport has been successfully driving this dual strategy across a global network of currently 117 air cargo center and processed 4.8 million tons of cargo in 2022.

"We are excited to bring our air cargo handling business to Australia," says Brad Moore, regional CEO of Asia Pacific at Swissport International. "Our experience and expertise in air cargo handling will allow us to provide airlines with safe, ultra-fast processing and high-quality cargo logistics. Services will include cargo acceptance, screening and documentation, build-up and breakdown of pallets, container handling, loading and unloading of aircraft as well as short-term warehouses as needed by our domestic and international airline customers."

The addition of air cargo operations in Australia will help strengthen trade routes between Australia and Asia. Swissport's first cargo customers in Australia - VietJet and Batik Air – will now be able to expedite imports to and exports from Australia via their Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) gateways to markets across Asia via Vietnam.

"The new service at Sydney Airport will add to Swissport's global network of currently 117 air cargo centers," says Dirk Goovaerts, Swissport's regional CEO for Continental Europe, Middle East, and Africa & Global Cargo Chair. "Digital tools and modern equipment, including gate and slot management systems and self-service cargo kiosks, enable Swissport to add customer value and continuously enhance operational efficiency in air cargo handling."

In Australia, Swissport has been offering airport ground services to 23 domestic and international airline customers at 24 airports. In 2022, the company has served 10.16 million passengers (pre-Covid 2019: 18.59 million). Swissport employs more than 3.600 aviation professionals across all business lines in Australia and New Zealand.

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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