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AIR CARGO BELGIUM AWARDS SWISSPORT AS CARGO GROUND HANDLER OF THE YEAR

Swissport's air cargo handling team in Brussels, Belgium, has received the Cargo Ground Handler of the Year Award from Air Cargo Belgium. The recognition underlines Swissport's outstanding performance in air cargo operations and reaffirms its position as a key player in pharmaceutical logistics in Belgium.

Air Cargo Belgium has awarded Swissport with the Cargo Ground Handler of the Year Award. The recognition highlights Swissport's outstanding performance in general air cargo operations and reinforces its leading role as a global provider of pharmaceutical logistics. The company has made a name for integrated cool chain logistics at its Swissport Pharma Centers, where it provides seamless services adhering to the highest industry standards.

"We are delighted to receive the Cargo Ground Handler of the Year award from Air Cargo Belgium," says Frederik Timmermans, Director of Swissport Brussels. "This recognition reflects our team's dedication, expertise, and commitment to delivering exceptional air cargo services at Brussels Airport."

Air Cargo Belgium unites the Belgian air cargo community and promotes collaboration and innovation among airlines, ground handlers, freight forwarders, customers, and other stakeholders. The organization is committed to enhancing competitiveness and sustainability in the Belgian air cargo sector through collective efforts and hosts an annual awards ceremony that recognizes global air cargo excellence and contributions to the air cargo community at Brussels Airport. The recent ceremony brought together 120 members of the Brussels air cargo community, facilitating discussions on innovation and sustainable practices. Swissport's notable contributions to the sector were recognized and ultimately lead to it being awarded as Cargo Ground Handler of the Year 2023.

Since establishing a presence in Belgium in 1990, Swissport has consistently expanded and currently operates a state-of-the-art 25,000 sqm air cargo center at Brussels Airport (BRU), which was fully refurbished and further enhanced in 2019 with the addition of a Swissport Pharma Center. Swissport in Brussels offers a comprehensive suite of services for over forty airlines, covering general and special cargo handling, temperature-controlled handling, hub handling, express services, and forwarder handling. In 2022 alone, a dedicated team of 286 Swissport employees successfully handled an impressive 200,000 tons of air cargo and serviced over 1,600 aircraft, significantly contributing to the robust performance of Swissport's air cargo operations.

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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