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SWISSPORT AWARDED IATA CEIV FRESH CERTIFICATION IN KENYA

Swissport Kenya has been awarded the IATA CEIV Fresh certification for perishable cargo, making it the only ground handler with this certification at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Swissport also is the first ground services provider in Sub-Saharan Africa to attain this standard. CEIV is IATA's Center of Excellence for Independent Validators.

Following the successful completion of the IATA CEIV Fresh program, Swissport Kenya has been awarded the prestigious IATA CEIV Fresh certification. Swissport is the first ground services provider in Sub-Saharan Africa to attain this certification, and the only organization with this standard at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO). Nairobi is a major hub for perishables in East and Central Africa and perishables represent about 80% of cargo handled by Swissport in Kenya.

"In February 2020, Swissport's operations in Nairobi were awarded with the IATA CEIV Pharma certification, establishing the first Swissport Pharma Center on the African continent. With the added CEIV Fresh certification, we are now very proud to offer our customer airlines a secure and certified cool-chain process across the board", says Racheal Ndegwa, CEO of Swissport in Kenya. "With 27 years of experience handling perishable goods in Nairobi, this certification attests to the organization's robust, efficient and sustainable processes for handling perishable cargo, as well its high-quality training programs."

This recognition underwrites Swissport's ambitions to ensure that delicate and short-shelf life products reach their final destination unspoiled and with minimal waste. The certification scope includes Swissport Kenya's Cargo Handling facility and Ground Services processes.

In 2020, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 82 million airline passengers (pre-Covid 2019: 265 million) and handled roughly 4.1 million tons of air freight (2019: 4.6 million) at over 100 cargo warehouses 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 45,000 employees, was active at 269 airports in 47 countries on six continents at the end of 2020.

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