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SWISSPORT WINS QATAR AIRWAYS CARGO BUSINESS IN AMSTERDAM, MANCHESTER AND BIRMINGHAM

Swissport and Qatar Airways Cargo have renewed a contract covering airport ground services and air cargo handling at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport and signed new 5-year contracts for cargo handling at the airports in Manchester and Birmingham in the UK.

Swissport and Qatar Airways Cargo renewed their agreement covering airport ground services and cargo handling at Schiphol airport in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The contract includes ramp handling and air cargo warehousing as well as handling of general cargo, pharmaceuticals, dangerous goods and temperature-sensitive goods. The contract is valid until the end of 2025. The renewed agreement provides Swissport with a substantial baseload of cargo tons per year at Amsterdam airport, where – thanks to direct ramp access – it offers fast and secure transfers of cargo shipments to and from aircraft through the Swissport warehouse.

Via its Manchester and Birmingham warehouses, Swissport can also link Qatar Airways Cargo to regional airports across the UK utilizing its road feeder services to Aberdeen, Belfast, Bristol, East Midlands, Glasgow and Newcastle, which are not served directly. These new 5-year contracts, commencing 1 September 2020, further strengthen the longstanding relationship between Swissport and Qatar Airways Cargo.

"We are honored to again be entrusted by Qatar Airways Cargo, one of the leading air cargo carriers," says Rudolf Steiner, Swissport's Senior Vice President Cargo for EMEA. "Through consistent performance and reliable quality delivered across all airports, we continue to proof the value of our services to our global customers."

Guillaume Halleux, Chief Officer Cargo at Qatar Airways said: "Our long-term partnership with Swissport in Amsterdam, Manchester and Birmingham will allow us to offer our customers fast, seamless and efficient handling for all types of cargo. With a strong focus on sustainability and compliance, we see Swissport as the perfect fit for cargo handling at these destinations."

The airline's renewed vote of confidence came after a thorough selection process and the successful cooperation to date. Qatar Airways Cargo is moving significant business via Swissport's cargo hubs in Amsterdam, Basel, Liège and London Stansted where we provide both ramp services and cargo handling related activities to them.

In 2019, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 265 million airline passengers and handled roughly 4.6 million tons of air freight in 115 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 64,000 employees, achieved consolidated operating revenue of 3.13 billion euros in 2019. At the end of December 2019, Swissport was active at 300 airports in 47 countries on six continents.

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