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Brussels Airlines Cargo implements solution for temperature-sensitive pharma airfreight

Thursday, April 20, 2017 — Brussels Airlines Cargo has decided to include the pharma transporter in its default service and commercial offer for all pharma shipments requiring temperature control. We herewith respond to the request of the industry to take the lead in quality improvements throughout the entire supply chain, including the part we don't operate ourselves. The airline is the natural advocate for shippers and forwarders to close the gaps in those areas where they have less visibility.

The cargo division at Brussels Airlines has taken the Airside Pharma Transporter into operation as a launch customer. This pilot project was initiated by Brussels Airport in order to offer reliable controlled temperature transports between warehouse and aircraft for pharmaceutical goods. In addition, real-time data about the temperature is made available to the

customer and shipper in order to guarantee instant follow-up, offering full transparency throughout. The project was managed within the [BRUcargo Pharma Hub project group](#).

The Airside Pharma Transporter uses a new type of cooling technology and relies on solar power technology to operate autonomously for several days. This allows for an energy neutral transport of the temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical shipments at [Brussels Airport](#).

Four Airside Pharma Transport vehicles are now available and approved for operational use at Brussels Airport. Brussels Airlines Cargo will operate all available transporters on the certified as an integral part of its pharma product, routes and provide the customer peace of mind about controlled temperature conditions at the airport.

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-- Reinout Puissant, Business Development & Product Manager Brussels Airlines

"A slot booking application for the transporter will be made available to the community after the test phase. Additionally we are implementing a cloud solution for real time whereabouts and temperature monitoring including inputs from the airside transporter. This last step will enable us to certify the entire lane, from end to end and all steps visible to the pharma sector. Brussels Airport aims to upscale the program to all airline customers, after this pilot phase with Brussels Airlines."

-- Nathan De Valck, Cargo & Product Development Manager Brussels Airport

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Brussels Airlines, member of Lufthansa Group and a Star Alliance member, is the Belgian airline that offers the widest choice of flights to and from the capital of Europe, Brussels Airport. The company has more than 3.500 employees and 51 aircraft operating some 300 flights daily, connecting the Capital of Europe to over 100 premium European and African destinations and New York JFK, Washington

D.C. and Toronto. As from March 2017 the airline will operate 5 weekly flights to Mumbai, India.

On long haul flights, the airline operates an all new Business Class with full flatbeds and state of the art inflight entertainment, and a brand new Economy class with ergonomic seats and individual inflight entertainment touchscreens. Long-haul flights are operated with Airbus A330-200 and A330-300 aircraft.

On its European routes Brussels Airlines offers the choice between Bizz&Class, Flex&Fast, Light&Relax and Check&Go.

In addition to its 21 destinations in Africa and North America, Brussels Airlines and its intercontinental partners also offer long-haul codeshare flights to the United Arab Emirates, Japan and Thailand.

Brussels Airlines offers cargo capacity on all its flights, commercialized by the Cargo Department. The airline also handles the daily maintenance of its aircraft fleet.

Brussels Airlines was founded in 2002 and is 100% owned by Deutsche Lufthansa AG

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