

IATA CEIV CERTIFIED AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES JOINS PHARMA GATEWAY AMSTERDAM

AirBridgeCargo Airlines is the second airline to join the Schiphol Cargo Community quality pharma initiative

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AirBridgeCargo Airlines has joined Pharma Gateway Amsterdam (PGA), the second airline to join the fourteen-member quality pharma initiative.

The carrier operates 22 flights per week from Amsterdam to significant pharma destinations in Europe, Asia, and the United States, including Moscow, Chicago, Shanghai, and Singapore.

AirBridgeCargo Airlines is already IATA Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics (CEIV Pharma) certified, which is one of the requirements for all PGA members.

"The Cargo Community at Amsterdam is committed to supporting and developing an efficient and transparent pharma cool chain, that will continue to contribute to the high quality offered at Schiphol" said Jonas van Stekelenburg, Head of Cargo, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.

"We look forward to the input AirBridgeCargo Airlines will bring as our second carrier member.

"Since launching the initiative just over 12 months ago, the tangible results across the entire pharma supply chain at Schiphol have been very satisfying to see."

PGA was formed in March 2016 to provide transparency and quality within the Pharma air cargo supply chain

PGA members benefit from regular knowledge sharing sessions, organised by Schiphol Cargo to facilitate co-operations between the different players in the cool chain.

Schiphol Cargo also provides members with support in working toward their CEIV Certification.

"AirBridgeCargo Airlines is proud to be the second airline to join Schiphol Cargo Community's quality pharma initiative PGA," said Henk-Jan van Keulen, Country Manager the Netherlands, AirBridgeCargo Airlines.

"We see high potential for Schiphol to become one of our main airports for pharma flows and an initiative like PGA is considered to be of great value.

"Within PGA the Schiphol Cargo Community is mutually developing the required logistic chain in order to provide the shippers and consignees with the best possible product.

"Having Schiphol's Cargo department in the driver's seat we are also assured to have a neutral chairman.

"AirBridgeCargo Airlines will join PGA with full support from our Global Pharma Director Mr. Andrey Andreev as well as our Regional Pharma Manager Mr. Alexander Treber. Mr. Treber and I will also personally join the PGA carrier meetings at AMS."

PGA members also include Cyberfreight Pharma Logistics, Yusen Logistics Benelux, GEFCO Forwarding Netherlands, VCK Logistics Airfreight, SGS, Air France KLM Martinair Cargo, Swissport Cargo Services, dnata, Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), Nouwens Transport Breda, De Jong Special Services, Jan de Rijk Logistics, and DJ Middelkoop.

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol received IATA's Certificate of Recognition in March at the World Cargo Symposium for its support of CEIV Pharma.

All latest news from Pharma Gateway Amsterdam, including the latest members and partners to join, can be found at www.pharmagateway.nl.

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Jonas van Stekelenburg, Head of Cargo, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, and Henk-Jan van Keulen, Country Manager the Netherlands, AirBridgeCargo Airlines, celebrate the airline becoming a member of Pharma Gateway Amsterdam



About Schiphol Cargo

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is the third largest air cargo hub in Europe, moving 1.7 million tonnes in 2016.

Schiphol offers 525.000 m² of cargo warehouses, of which 40% have direct airside access. This includes facilities for perishables and pharma/life science cargo in multiple controlled-temperature zones, featuring refrigerated/deep-freezer and heated storage/handling facilities.

Over 150 logistics service providers are situated in the airport region, with over 50% of all American and Asian European Distribution Centres located in the Netherlands. Schiphol benefits from close proximity to the Ports of Rotterdam and Amsterdam and an unparalleled European road feeder and distribution network.

In March 2016, Schiphol and its cargo community launched the Pharma Gateway Amsterdam that offers a CEIV-certified, closed and transparent pharma airport process.

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