

News Release

United Becomes First U.S. Carrier to Lease and Transport SkyCell Temperature-Controlled Containers

CHICAGO, June 19, 2019 – United Cargo today announced it will enhance its TempControl service by becoming the first U.S. carrier to lease and transport the innovative temperature-sensitive containers manufactured by SkyCell.

SkyCell is a Swiss-based, award-winning provider of temperature-controlled containers whose highly secure and efficient design features patented insulation and a special rechargeable cooling technology. Each container is equipped with IoT (“internet of things”) sensors that connect to SkyCell’s cloud-based, blockchain-encrypted software. These sensors monitor temperature, humidity and other factors to ensure the best possible protection against excursions.

SkyCell’s creative use of technology enables them to offer safe and highly reliable logistics service for biopharmaceuticals and other products sensitive to even slight changes in temperature. A recent year-long external audit found temperature excursions in a scant .01 percent of shipments transported in SkyCell’s containers.

“TempControl’s transport of vaccines and other high-value biopharmaceutical shipments is increasing rapidly,” said Jan Krems, President of United Cargo. “Extremely precise, long-duration temperature control is required for the safe transport of these highly sensitive shipments.

“That’s why we’re very excited to launch this partnership,” Krems added. “Combining the proven reliability and high performance of SkyCell’s containers with TempControl’s extensive network and relentless focus on control and integrity creates the level of quality service today’s health care shippers demand.”

“SkyCell is excited to partner with United to increase the availability of SkyCell containers for the U.S. pharma industry,” said Richard Ettl, CEO of SkyCell. “United and SkyCell share the goal of eliminating temperature excursions and reducing the CO² footprint in global pharma transportation.”

TempControl customers seeking more information about leasing SkyCell containers from United Cargo are encouraged to contact their United Cargo Sales Professional.

About United Cargo

United Cargo delivers superior shipping solutions via the cargo capacity of the world's most comprehensive route network – an average of 4,900 flights a day to 355 airports across five continents operated by United Airlines and United Express. United operates a mainline fleet of more than 770 aircraft, including over 180 widebodies, on which United Cargo carried over 3.4 billion cargo ton miles in 2018. With U.S. mainland hubs in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark, San Francisco and Washington, DC, and enhanced service to and from Asia and Australia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, United Cargo can quickly transport customers' shipments to and from virtually every major cargo market in the world. For more information, please visit unitedcargo.com.

About SkyCell

SkyCell is a leading airfreight container provider with the mission to supply the safest pharma containers worldwide. This is achieved through the unique combination of hardware, software and service, enabling our clients to master logistical challenges and eliminate temperature excursion. Pharma companies have tested and verified SkyCell as the safest solution on the market, with less than 0.1% temperature deviations since launch. The efficient insulation and cutting-edge cooling technology enable the containers to keep the temperature for 160h+. All containers are equipped with IoT sensors, leading to a seamless supply chain through global tracking and monitoring. Based in Switzerland, SkyCell serves more than 90 countries and pharma companies around the world. For more information visit www.skycell.ch.