



# Exelsius launches Pharmaceutical Handling Qualification Programme

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Exelsius, the international Cold Chain Management Consultancy, has launched its Pharmaceutical Qualification Programme (PQP) giving all stakeholders involved in the handling and transportation of Pharmaceutical & Life Science products, the ability to become certified to **Good Distribution Practice (GDP)** standards.

Aimed at ensuring end-to-end supply chain compliance, the programme has been developed specifically for airlines, ground handling companies, airports, freight forwarders and Logistics Service providers. Through participation in the Exelsius PQP, users will be able to demonstrate that they are compliant to the latest airline, MHRA, EU and US FDA GDP regulations.

Tony Wright, CEO of Exelsius says, " With over half of the value of healthcare products being moved by air, shippers will be seeking only the most compliant GDP logistics providers. This programme will be of initial importance in the UK where the MHRA have taken a lead in requiring airport Ground Handling Companies, Airline and forwarders holding pharmaceuticals to have applied for a Wholesale Dealers Authorisation. With the Exelsius Pharmaceutical Qualification Programme (PQP), organizations involved in Good Distribution Practice can be ready to meet those requirements.

The PQP programme includes a full facility assessment, compliance plans, Quality Management System & SOP development, vendor assessment, route qualification and a fully integrated and certificated Training Plan. Built in sequential stages, the PQP requires participants to demonstrate compliance with all aspects of an initial Gap Analysis and Training Programme before certification will be granted. Re-assessment will take place within 2 years.

Established in 2007, Exelsius has worked with many of the worlds leading airlines, logistics service providers and Healthcare companies so that they may meet the regulatory expectation of Good Distribution Practices. Over 1200 participants from more than 120 companies worldwide have attended its GDP training programmes and it recently launched a GDP Academy with IAG Cargo (British Airways & Iberia)

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