

IAG Cargo & Exelsius hosts second GDP Academy Training Workshop

A second GDP Academy Training Course organised jointly by IAG Cargo & Exelsius was successfully held in London on May 11-12, 2015 and attended by students from the UK, The Netherlands, Korea and Switzerland.

Aimed at improving industry compliance to GDP standards for Healthcare and Life Science products, the two-day course offers a unique combination of both classroom training and an airport 'airside' visit to the IAG Cargo Constant Climate Centre.

Participants came from forwarders, logistic service providers, training organisations and ground handling companies with students being awarded a certificate of completion to the required GDP standard. Tony Wright, CEO of Exelsius commented "the course programme was designed to provide students with an understanding of the compliance needs of GDP from a truly end –to-end perspective and uses many interactive methods of teaching".



One participant was Andrew Taylor, Operations Development Manager EMEA at PDP Couriers who commented "An excellent overview of how GDP impacts and how it should be applied within the airfreight environment". With the UKMHRA requiring all those handling

temperature-sensitive healthcare products to obtain a Wholesale Dealers Authorisation, Tony Roberts, GM Cargo Operational Services UK & Ireland at Swissport also found it particularly useful “ Great lessons, well presented and resulting in lots learnt”.

Both IAG Cargo and Exelsius expect to extend the GDP Academy with further courses planned for India the UK and Europe. Alan Dorling, Global Head of Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences at IAG Cargo said “I am delighted that all delegates found the unique course enhanced their understanding of GDP and the standards required throughout the end-to-end supply chain to achieve certification.”