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1 **A giant step for Pharmalogistics**

2 **Fraport Ground Services receives the IATA-certification of**
3 **the Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in**
4 **Pharmaceutical Logistics (CEIV Pharma). For Frankfurt's**
5 **Air Cargo Community (ACCF), this means another**
6 **milestone for the handling of pharmaceutical cargo at**
7 **Frankfurt Airport.**

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9 ***Frankfurt am Main, 23rd April 2018*** --- Transparency and
10 effective processes are the current challenges for pharma-
11 logistics and require a comprehensive, independently certified
12 quality management system. Being the biggest ramp handling
13 company at Frankfurt Airport, Fraport Ground Services made a
14 giant step by receiving the international CEIV-certificate. Martin
15 Bien, Head of Ground Services at Fraport, received the
16 prestigious certification at the IATA Ground Handling
17 Conference in Doha, Qatar. Joachim von Winning, Executive
18 Director of the ACCF says: "We are very proud and
19 congratulate our community-member to this achievement."
20 Frankfurt Airport is Europe's biggest cargo hub, handling over
21 100.000 tons of medicinal products, vaccines and other
22 pharmaceutical products annually.
23 More than fifty stakeholders of the cargo supply chain are
24 organized in the ACCF. As one of five competence teams,
25 pharma set its focus on the integrity of pharma products during
26 transport. The implementation of a quality management system,
27 as required by IATA CEIV, is an important step for further
28 developing the position of Frankfurt Airport as Europe's No. 1 in
29 the air freight business.

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31 **Ensured quality for the customers**

32 With the CEIV certification, Fraport Ground Services can
33 guarantee a consistent and independently qualified cargo
34 supply chain for producers of pharmaceuticals. This includes
35 the transport through a certified forwarder, the turnaround of
36 goods by a certified cargo handler and the transport by an
37 airline, including the complete temperature controlled apron
38 area transport. Frankfurt is the first airport worldwide, which
39 meets those requirements.

40 “We look back on more than twenty years of experience in
41 pharma logistics. Starting in 1996 with the first pharma-dolly for
42 temperature controlled transports”, Joachim von Winning
43 explains. The idea of a consistent supply chain in Frankfurt was
44 born in the ACCF. “We will continue to work on optimized
45 processes for our customers in the future”, Joachim von
46 Winning adds. For this, the community will keep working closely
47 with IATA.

48 The air cargo professionals hope that an increasing number of
49 international IATA certifications will lead to a more qualified
50 international network. That should make special cargo lanes
51 possible, which can help to make pharma logistics worldwide
52 faster and easier.

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About Air Cargo Community Frankfurt e.V.

The Air Cargo Community Frankfurt e.V. is an association of companies, institutions and organizations with the clear objective of promoting the airfreight location of Frankfurt. Its total of around 55 members includes representatives of all areas of the air cargo supply chain. The association has five competence groups "Temperature-controlled Transport", "Processes & Infrastructure" and "Location Marketing & Community Building", as well as various specialist groups which represent the entire range of services offered at the airfreight location of Frankfurt. The prime objective is that Frankfurt Airport will, also in future, continue to clearly be Europe's No. 1 in the air freight business and, as the leading cargo hub, significantly enhance its competitiveness compared with other airports in neighbouring countries. The location of Frankfurt, today with nearly 2.2 million tons of air cargo (freight and mail, 2017) and 14,000 employees in the cargo area, should also continue to grow significantly in the coming years and, in doing so, capture an even larger share of global freight volumes for itself.